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Drug dealer must pay back £40,000

A DRUG dealer has been ordered to pay back more than £40,000 he made from his criminal lifestyle.

Ricardo Morgan (28), of Ynysawdre, Bridgend, was jailed in July for four and a half years after pleading guilty to possession with intent to supply cocaine, a class A drug.

Following his conviction, Bridgend police officers began proceedings under the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) to recover any cash or assets gained as a result of his crimes.

At a POCA hearing held in Cardiff Crown Court last week, Morgan was ordered to pay back £40,010 within three months or face 12 months' imprisonment.

During the investigation, officers found around 298 grams of cocaine estimated to have a street value of around £11,300 in a dry-stone wall between the Brynmenyn and Llangeinor areas. They also recovered a bag containing £33,000 in cash from an address in Bryncethin.

Both the cash and drugs were traced back to Morgan who was arrested following an early-morning raid by Bridgend officers in June this year.

During a raid of his home, officers found a further £4,210 in cash.

Detective Inspector Dean Taylor said: "We will relentlessly pursue offenders to ensure that the people who wish to blight our communities with harmful controlled drugs are brought before the courts.

"Our financial investigations team are committed to investigating the financial affairs of criminals to determine the extent of their profits. It is our aim to take the profit out of crime and target those individuals who live off the proceeds of their criminality.

"The public can really help us by passing on any information about people who may be making a living off their criminal lifestyle. Generally, these people are clearly seen to spend more than their apparent disposable income.

"We are determined to deal with drug issues in our area, and will take robust action against anyone who attempts to distribute illegal drugs."

Inspector Taylor added: "I would like to thank the community for the information provided and would urge anyone with any information about drug dealing in our communities to report it to us. Call us on 101, or report it anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

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Pupils celebrate opening of their new school

Brynmenyn pupils are pictured above holding the plaque for their new school, while standing in front of a mural which was created to mark the centenary of the school in 2013.
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Man drove wrong way along M4 slip road

A DRIVER who travelled the wrong way on an M4 slip road near McArthur Glen, Bridgend, has been jailed for nine months, suspended for 18 months and was disqualified from driving for three years and ordered to carry out 150 hours unpaid work at Cardiff Crown Court, ***writes AJ SICLUNA.***

George Stephenson (27), unemployed, was said to have driven along the slip road at Junction 36 in order to collect a woman who had got out of his Ford Transit van shortly before, naked.

Stephenson of Stourport, Worcestershire, admitted charges of dangerous driving and driving with excess alcohol.

Judge Richard Twomlow described it as "an unusual case".

He said: "Things got out of hand. It was bizarre."

At about 2am on August 17, said prosecutor Gareth James, police received information that a Ford Transit was going the wrong way along a slip road.

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New educational centre opens in Pyle

THE Kumon Bridgend Study Centre held a grand opening event on Saturday, October 13, at their brand new venue within the Asda store in Pyle.

The Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, Cllr John McCarthy, attended and from Kumon, regional manager Andrew Holder, area manager Laura Sutton, and Beverley Litten from the Bristol office all came along.

Current Kumon Bridgend students Dewi Thomas and Zia Lado were also there with their families.

The Mayor cut the ribbon at 1pm and declared the centre 'officially open'. Guests also enjoyed sandwiches, cakes, soft drinks and champagne.

Later on in the afternoon, senior class assistant Annalese Lewis painted the faces of several younger visitors to the Asda Pyle store whilst their parents learned more about the Kumon programmes.

Asda Pyle colleagues working that afternoon were also invited to enjoy some cake.

An instructor at the Bridgend Study Centre, Ann O'Neill, said: "I am so proud that our permanent premises is now officially open! I am really looking forward to welcoming both new and current students into our venue.

"I would like to extend my thanks to Mayor John McCarthy for coming and for really bringing a sense of occasion to this landmark event for our centre.

"It has been hard work for myself, my family and my colleagues in the Bristol regional office to get the centre ready, but as he cut the ribbon, I felt that it was all worth it."

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For further information, call Ann O'Neill on 07869 291263 or email bridgend@kumoncentre.co.uk.

Rotary says post early for Christmas

CHRISTMAS is just 10 weeks away and Porthcawl Rotary Club has several events planned.

Our annual Christmas tree festival, held at the All Saints' Church starts on Monday, December 3 when local associations will be putting up their trees in the church. There will be public viewing from December 4 until December 8 between 11am and 5pm and on Sunday, December 9, 11.30am to 4pm.

Refreshments and raffle tickets will be available (for hampers) throughout the event.

On December 5 at 7pm our Young Musicians competition will take place in the Church. The RIBI Young Musician competition is open to young people of various age groups who are 17 or under on August 31.

The concert with local schools takes place on Thursday, December 6 at 7pm; this is a free event along with other church festival events.

Our John Street collection will take place on Saturdays, December 15 and 22, from 9.30am to 4pm and on Christmas Eve from 9.30am to 12pm.

The Carolcade will be on December 11, 14, 18 and 20. Route and times will be advised.

Finally, our Rotary Post will operate as last year with stamps on sale in designated shops in Porthcawl from Monday, November 12 until December 10. Stamps will be 25p each.

Robert Lee

Spooky tales

WHAT could be spookier than listening to ghost stories on Hallowe'en, in a building that is more than 500 years old?

A special event featuring storyteller David Ambrose, 'Between Two Worlds' Hallowe'en stories takes place at 7.30pm on Wednesday, October 31 at St John's House, Bridgend.

The founder of the 'Beyond the Border' Wales International Storytelling Festival, David will be sending a shiver down the spine, with his selection of old Hallowe'en tales.

The house by candlelight is the perfect setting for a good ghost story and an eerie atmosphere can be expected with only 30 tickets available.

Please note that the performance will take place on the first floor of the building, which is only accessible via steep stairs.

The evening is for adults as well as young people aged over 12. Under-16s must be accompanied by an adult. Contact *saintjohns@hotmail.co.uk for further details*.

Bridgend Male Voice Choir celebrate 58th annual concert

ON October 5 at Bridgend Tabernacle Chapel Bridgend Male Choir spoke across generations of strong musical tradition at its 58th annual concert.

The programme began with 'Heriwn, Wynebwn y Wawr' (Warriors We Face the Dawn), 'Hiraeth'(Welsh for longing) and 'Builth'. The three pieces compelled the audience to lean in and listen – a rare quality in today's more 'shouty' society.

Tenor, Robert Lewis, brought a light and sparkling lyrical sound to the evening with 'Bugail Aberdyfi' followed by a relaxed performance of 'L'Alba separa dalla Luce L'Ombra' by Tosti, showing the potential of this young man.

He further treated the audience to the power of his voice as he explored extremes of dynamic in 'Che Gelida Manina' from Puccini's *La Boheme*.

In complete contrast, Oldcastle Primary School Choir delivered 'Yesterday's Dream' and the adopted rugby anthem 'Calon Lan'. The tension was palpable as they began, but they soon realised that the audience was on their side and were glued to the lead of their teacher, Miss Charlotte Ellis.

The children struggled to stand still in 'Oh Happy Day' and in 'Naughty' from *Matilda*. The two young soloists, showed great promise for the future.

Due to the unfortunate absence of Scott Williams, the choir's organist, Stewart Roberts stepped into the breach and gave a sensitive cello rendition of Maria von Paradis's 'Sicilienne'. Time was momentarily suspended.

The choir, convincing in their delivery displaying a melodious and cohesive sound followed with an eclectic selection, 'Y Darlun', 'Aus der Traube', 'American Trilogy' and 'Tangnefeddwyr'. Dr Peter Morgan delivered the Gettysberg Address as a prelude to 'Tell My Father' by Boyd /Wildhorn, with 'For the Fallen', reminding us that war pervades at all times in the centenary year of The Great War, was delivered with pathos and a rich, sympathetic unity of purpose.

Dr Alwyn Humphreys added an extra touch of class, smoothing over changes of 'set' with bilingual, relevant, witty and entertaining quips and anecdotes. His analysis of the 'anatomy' of the male choir had the audience rolling with laughter.

'Unwaith Eto Ngymru Annwyl' was an opportunity to showcase the soloist in conjunction with the choir. The relaxed confident sound was marvellous and it was a shame that it had to end.

It is a tribute to Ryan Wood and the superlative musicianship of accompanist Stephanie Bailey that they can clearly not just 'come up with the goods', but teach them so effectively too. **Naomi Hitchings.**

Pen-y-Fai to hold Festival of Remembrance

PEN-y-Fai holds its Festival of Remembrance from November 10 to November 18. The programme of events is as follows:

On Saturday, November 10, from 10am to 5pm: The opening of the festival takes place and the displays are open for public viewing. The official opening will take place at 2pm.

On Sunday, November 11 at 10.30am: The Community Service of Remembrance at All Saints' Church, including the dedication of the newly-installed village War Memorial in the churchyard.

From Monday, November 12 to Saturday, November 17: All Saints' Church will be open to the public at the following times: Monday, November12 – 10am to 12 noon; November 13/14/16/17 – 10am to 5pm; Thursday, November 15 – 2pm to 5pm. Refreshments will be available.

Smyrna Chapel will also be open daily until 3pm.

On Friday, November 16 at 6.30pm: 'Songs of Praise' at Smyrna Baptist Chapel.

In addition, throughout the village there will be 15 'There, but not there' silhouettes, donated by the Armed Forces Covenant Trust Fund. Each represents one person named on the new war memorial and will be accompanied by information pertinent to the person who lost his life during either World War One or World War Two.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES
(UNTIL NOVEMBER 1)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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27 Sat	08.47	10.0	21.08	10.0
28 Sun	08.24	9.9	20.47	9.6
29 Mon	09.08	9.4	21.33	9.2
30 Tues	09.53	9.0	22.23	8.8
31 Wed	10.51	8.5	23.32	8.3
01 Thur	11.59	8.4		

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Memorial garden opened for fallen Maesteg police officer

A POLICE officer who died while on duty has been commemorated with a memorial garden at Maesteg Police Station.

Officers and PCSOs, with the help of local people, have transformed the garden at Maesteg Police Station in memory of PC Garry Wozencroft.

PC Wozencroft, from Neath, died aged 35 in 2000, after his police patrol car crashed while pursuing a suspect vehicle.

The father-of-two joined the Metropolitan Police in 1988 after serving as a special constable in his home town of Neath.

While working for the Metropolitan Police, PC Wozencroft received an official commendation after discovering an IRA bomb in central London. He quickly evacuated the area and called for support to prevent a potential tragedy.

PC Wozencroft was also commended for his professionalism while on duty during the funeral of the Princess of Wales in 1997.

He and his family moved back to Wales when he joined South Wales Police in 1999.

A plaque has been placed in the garden in memory of the Maesteg neighbourhood officer.

The project to restore the garden was carried out with the help of local people and groups, including members of B-Leaf – a horticultural project based in Bryngarw Country Park for adults with disabilities – who helped plant the flowers and donated a memorial tree.

Members of Men's Shed from Bridgend assisted in revamping the memorial bench and Kevin Priddy from Maesteg Shoe Repairs created the plaque for PC Wozencroft.

PCSO Julie Banks said: "It is so wonderful that members of the community dedicated their time and provided plants and paint to transform the space into a beautiful garden.

"We wanted to pay tribute to PC Wozencroft who sadly lost his life while on duty. He was a dedicated officer serving the community of Maesteg and it is only right that we honour him with this memorial garden."

She added: "This garden will provide a quiet space for officers to have a relaxing break during the busy workday. Thank you to all of those who helped redevelop it."

LEFT: Local officers with members of B-Leaf.

RIGHT: The commemorative plaque.

RIGHT: (From left) Steve Madderns from Men's Shed, PCSO Julie Banks, PCSO Katie Bargery-Edwards, PCSO Kelly Matthews, and Kevin Priddy from Maesteg Shoe Repairs.

Group celebrates £100,000 milestone

BRIDGEND & Porthcawl Fundraising Group are celebrating a milestone after raising over £100,000 for Marie Curie since 2011.

The group has raised money by organising various events which include quiz nights, fashion shows, tribute acts and their forthcoming clairvoyance evening.

Helen Thomas, chairperson of the fundraising group said: "We are thrilled to have reached £100,000 of fundraising for Marie Curie and thank all those who have supported us in the past.

"The people of Bridgend and Porthcawl are very generous when giving to Marie Curie and always supportive of events and activities we organise, we couldn't do it without them."

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Porthcawl is 'likely' to join the 10K series

PLANS for a 10k run in Porthcawl which would be run by organisers of the Barry Island 10k and Cardiff Bay 10k have been unveiled.

If it gets the go-ahead, the first Porthcawl event would take place in 2019 with two further events in 2020 and 2021.

Bridgend County Borough Council's cabinet members are being asked to support a partnership with Run4Wales – a social enterprise established in partnership with the Welsh Government – to operate an annual 10k running event in Porthcawl for an initial three-year period.

Other events Run4Wales has delivered in 2018 alone include the Newport Marathon and 10k, Velothon and Cardiff Half Marathon.

Officers say the costs involved to the council in hosting the event are expected to be around £10,000 for each one.

A report which goes before BCBC's cabinet on Tuesday, October 23, says: "This would equate to a contribution to the cost of delivering the event in the region of 12 per cent with other funding sources, such as sponsorship and entry fees, being secured by Run4Wales.

"These figures are subject to further discussion and therefore subject to change."

The potential aspects that may require "in-kind staff" support or a financial contribution include traffic management services, stewarding, car parking facilities and meeting room facilities.

Officers note the success of Barry Island's first 10k event which saw 3,500 runners signing up to take part across the 10k race, the one-mile family fun run and toddler dash.

They said the "varied and scenic route showcased all of the town's most scenic seaside spots and recognisable landmarks", adding that it gave people from all over Wales and the UK "the chance to experience Barry's recently regenerated seafront".

The report highlights the "unprecedented period of growth" of social running in the UK with officers citing a survey indicating an increase in the number of runners in Wales from 6.9 per cent in 2009 to 13.4 per cent in 2014: a total of 335,496 people running.

Cabinet members will vote on whether to establish a partnership arrangement with Run4Wales to operate the 10k running event in Porthcawl for three years on Tuesday, October 23.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

New Brynmenyn school opened

OUTGOING First Minister Carwyn Jones has opened the new Brynmenyn Primary School in Bridgend county borough.

With a total project cost of £9.14m, the school is the latest to be delivered as part of Bridgend County Borough Council's school modernisation programme, which has been financed with funding from Welsh Government and the council.

The new Brynmenyn Primary School joins nearby Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen and Ynysawdre Swimming Pool to sit at the heart of the community, and replaces a smaller, ageing building which originally opened in 1913 and could not be developed further as it was surrounded by common land.

At twice the size of its former 100-year-old premises, the new primary offers a nursery, 14 large classrooms equipped with modern learning technology, state-of-the-art educational facilities and more than 14,000 square metres of grounds.

The new school incorporates a memorial to Sarah Jane Howell – a former assistant teacher who died in 1911 while saving a pupil from drowning.

Pupils also have access to incorporated sports pitches for the first time in the school's long history.

Mr Jones said: "Brynmenyn Primary School is an excellent example of the comfortable, modern, fit-for-purpose schools we want for young people.

"Our 21st century schools and education programme plays a key part in this, and is the largest investment in our schools and colleges since the 1960s. I'm pleased this new school has benefited from £6.8million funding from this scheme, and it has been great to see for myself how it is making a valuable difference to education in our communities."

Council Leader Cllr Huw David said: "This school joins the likes of all-new premises and facilities provided at Penyfai, Coety and Betws primary schools.

"With more than £65m set to be committed towards the next phase of the school modernisation programme, it remains our largest area of investment. Brynmenyn follows the opening of a new primary school in Pencoed last month, while replacement Welsh medium Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cwm Garw will be ready at Bettws early in the new year."

The new school was built by contractors BAM Construction Limited, and designed by Boyes Rees Architects.

Cllr Charles Smith, cabinet member for education and regeneration, said: "Brynmenyn Primary has a lot of history behind it, and thanks to the efforts of everyone who has contributed towards the delivery of this project, the school also has a bright future.

"I believe that this new school, and our wider school modernisation programme, represents all of our ambitions and aspirations for the future generations of Bridgend county borough.

"The overall design of the school is intended to create a wealth of opportunities, and to establish a learning environment that fully meets all modern educational needs."

BCBC Spokesperson

Getting very spooky for Diabetes UK in Brackla

BRACKLA Fundraising Group will be hosting a special Hallowe'en party on October 26 in support of Diabetes UK Cymru.

The Hallowe'en Disco will be held at Brackla Community Centre and will feature a children's fancy dress competition, face painter, hot dog stand and a suitably spooky playlist.

The Brackla Fundraising Group chooses one charity per year to support and has spent 2018 raising vital funds for Diabetes UK Cymru.

This year, they have organised craft fairs, exhibitions and Christmas events, as well as appearing at the Brackla Primary School prom and Ogwr Hawks Rugby Festival to raise funds and awareness for the charity.

Group organiser Hannah May said: "We have chosen to fundraise for Diabetes UK Cymru because one of our members has Type 2 diabetes. All of us also have a friend or family with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes, so it's a charity that is very close to our hearts.

"We're looking forward to seeing all of the creative costumes from the community."

Joseph Cuff, fundraising manager at Diabetes UK Cymru said: "Thank you to the Brackla Fundraising Group for choosing Diabetes UK Cymru as their charity of the year.

"Around 191,000 people in Wales have diabetes, the highest prevalence in the UK, meaning we're all likely to know someone affected."

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MP's thanks to World War One generation

AS shown in The GEM of October 11, Royal British Legion has launched a campaign to say 'thank you' to all who served, sacrificed, and changed the world during World War One.

This year is the centenary of the end of World War One and the charity is calling on mass involvement from the public to recognise the legacy left to us by the entire First World War generation.

'Thank You' honours not only the 1.1 million British and Commonwealth Armed Forces who lost their lives, but also those who played their part on the home front and those who returned to build a better life for the benefit of generations to come.

Chris Elmore, MP for Ogmore, said: "I was pleased to visit the Royal British Legion's stand at Labour Party conference to hear about their work leading up to the centenary of the end of World War One. To the farmers who gave up their horses to the war effort; to the women who kept our home fires burning; to the Sassoons and the McCraes whose work has shaped our understanding of you to all those who have, and are, serving in HM Arrmed Forces."

Charity fundraiser held in Heol-y-Cyw

RECENTLY, Heol-y-Cyw Workingmen's Club hosted a trio of fundraisers who made some personal sacrifices to raise cash for the Macmillan Cancer Charity.

Jenny Warner had her head shaved, and her husband David endured a back wax, while local councellor Alex Williams had a leg wax.

More than £350 was raised during the evening, with Louise Williams providing the barbering skills, with clippers supplied by Lloyd Griffiths of Just Lloyds hair salon Tonyrefail.

Louise told The GEM: "I work part time for Lloyd, alongside running my own mobile hairdressing business. He taught me barbering skills and has been part of my working life for 38 years."

Jenny Warner said: "Cancer takes so much from people, the giving up of my hair was a gesture to support a very worthy cause."

"I was very pleased to be a part of this event which has raised over £1,100 in total."

Louise Williams and Jenny Warner.

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More refugees set to come to Bridgend county borough

FIVE further families who have had to flee the Syrian civil war could move to Bridgend over the coming months as part of the ongoing resettlement programme for refugees.

Until now, six families – a total of 31 refugees – have been supported by the county borough.

On Tuesday October 23, cabinet members of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) approved the resettlement of a further five families by 2020.

The first Syrian family arrived in Bridgend county in November 2016 with the last family arriving in September 2017.

The families have been resettled in various locations across the county.

The birth of three new babies to three of the families brings the total to 34.

In a report to cabinet members, officers said that community members had welcomed the new families, with some neighbours having taken the time to befriend the parents.

They add that local churches have also been "very supportive" providing donations and organising coffee mornings.

However, officers state that due to the language barrier and the small Arabic speaking community in the county, the families can feel isolated.

They add that in other parts of the UK and Wales, this has sometimes led to families choosing to relocate to the bigger cities such as Cardiff but these moves are not always supported by the Home Office or the local authority.

The report states: "The families have been through some very traumatic experiences prior to resettlement and this has resulted in some of the adults suffering with depression and requiring referrals for psychological counselling."

It adds: "Families who have relatives still residing in Syria or the neighbouring countries surrounding Syria often worry about their safety and wellbeing, which can cause further stress."

The UK Government has committed to resettling 20,000 Syrian refugees by 2020, fleeing Syria as a result of the civil war.

The number of refugees likely to be received in Wales is between 1,000 and 1,500 over the five years of the programme.

Local authorities can choose whether they take part in the programme or not. Individuals are granted refugee status giving them leave to remain for five years with full access to employment and public funds.

If at the end of the five years, they have not been able to return to Syria, they may be eligible to apply for settlement in the UK.

Last year the Home Secretary widened the scope of the scheme beyond just that of refugees with Syrian nationality.

It now enables the most vulnerable refugees in the Middle East and North Africa region who have fled the Syrian conflict to be resettled.

In March, BCBC council leader Cllr Huw David told the Welsh Local Government Association the local authority envisaged being able to resettle a further five families during the remainder of the programme.

Cabinet members now need to approve the plans to provide a firm commitment.

Funding for local authorities to support Syrian refugees for the first year is available from the Overseas Development Aid budget.

Officers say there is also additional support for educational and medical needs.

Funding after then is reduced but does include support for integration such as additional English language training, funding for schools and health services.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

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The Velindre Cambodia trek team.

It's off to Cambodia for Tracey and Emily!

THE GEM recently reported that Tracey Davies (48) and her daughter-in-law Emily Davies (28) had raised £145,000 for Velindre Cancer Care since September 2017.

Tracey, a social worker from Tondu, and Emily, a trainee pharmacy technician who lives in Ogmore Vale, are now part of a 10-strong group of fundraisers heading for Cambodia.

Tracey said: "Emily and I have now raised a total £154,915.39 for Velindre.

"We are leaving for Cambodia on October 29 from the Village Hotel and would like to thank all those who have donated, our family and sponsors.

"We are so humbled by what we have achieved in aid of Velindre Cancer Centre and the knowledge that the money raised will be going to help those in need of treatment and on-going support."

Tracey and Emily raised £102,308.47 of the total by organising walks up Pen Y Fan, events in which 400 people took part.

Tracey raised more funds by organising car boot sales and psychic nights and taking part in sky dives.

The trip to Cambodia is tinged with sadness because one of Tracey's friends, Anne Wiggley, was hoping to go on the trip, but lost her battle with cancer recently.

Tracey is planning her next fundraising event to Everest Base Camp next year.

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Town Council responds to negative national press over Remembrance Parade

BRIDGEND Town Council (BTC) has taken on the responsibility for organising Remembrance events in Bridgend Town Centre for 2018 and future years.

Further to recent negative press attention regarding the Remembrance Parade in Bridgend for 2018, concerns were raised by Royal British Legion (RBL) headquarters regarding accountability for the organisation of Remembrance Parades. It was clarified that RBL Bridgend branch cannot continue to take responsibility for organising the event.

The chair of RBL Bridgend branch, John Harris, resigned from his position in RBL with immediate effect but remained a co-opted member of BTC as military advisor to the council.

Members of BTC were concerned about the future of Remembrance events in Bridgend and therefore called an extra-ordinary meeting (EOM) of its 'community engagement and well-being committee' on October 5 and an EOM of full council on October 9 to discuss this matter.

At these meetings, councillors were provided with information about the arrangements for Remembrance events in Bridgend in previous years and carefully considered the reasons for the proposal to limit the age of children in non-military youth groups to school year seven and above for the Remembrance Parade on Sunday, November 11.

BTC is keen to safeguard Remembrance events in Bridgend town centre for 2018 and has agreed to take on the organisation of the Remembrance Parade and service in Bridgend town centre and to organise a children and family Remembrance parade and service on Saturday, November 10.

The Remembrance Parade and service in Bridgend town centre has grown dramatically in recent years; both in numbers participating in the parade and the number of spectators. It is estimated that last year approximately 500 people participated in the parade and there were around 2,500 spectators. This situation is of growing concern due to the logistics of safely accommodating such a large number of people around the war memorial, which is situated in a confined area of the town.

Last year, typical autumnal weather, including rain, contributed to these concerns. Some young children taking part in the parade in youth groups became distressed and were taken ill. A number of children were treated by St John's Ambulance for early onset hypothermia.

These children were squeezed into a heavily congested area with their youth groups and were not with family members.

Due to these concerns regarding the safety and welfare of young children, BTC has supported the decision initially taken by the RBL Bridgend branch, to limit the age of children parading in non-military youth groups to children of school year seven and above at the Remembrance parade on November 11.

Bridgend Town Council would like to clarify that young children are not banned from attending the event and are very welcome to attend to watch the parade with their families.

Furthermore, in an effort to manage the numbers of people taking part in the parade, BTC has agreed to limit the number of participants within each non-military youth group to 12 plus two reserves, plus a minimum of three leaders.

A children and family parade and service on Saturday, November 10 will begin at 10:20am and is tailored to provide an opportunity for primary school aged children to learn about the importance of Remembrance. Children will take part in the event by parading along Wyndham Street to the war memorial in Dunraven Place and will receive a Remembrance service from Reverend Rachel Wheeler.

The event will also provide an opportunity for children to plant crosses at the war memorial in memory of the people from Bridgend who lost their lives in World War I.

Formal invitations for the children and family parade and service will be sent to the leaders of youth groups, schools and the Youth Mayor. BTC also wishes to invite the general public to support this event.

To mark the centenary of the end of the First World War, BTC has also invited the mayors of Bridgend's twin towns of Villenave d'Ornon, Langenau and Hechtel-Eksel to attend the Remembrance events. The Mayor of Langenau has accepted the council's invitation and will lay a wreath at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

On November 11 the Remembrance parade will form up outside the Civic Offices in Angel Street, Bridgend at 10.20am for a 10.35am step-off, and the service will take place at the war memorial at approximately 10.50am. Arrangements have been made to read out the names of the people listed on the war memorial who died during World War I, at the Remembrance service.

BTC will be holding a number of Remembrance events in Bridgend Town Centre during November 2018. A Remembrance exhibition to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War will take place at Carnegie House Arts Centre between November 6 to 11, and Fran Hunt has organised a Remembrance Café at Carnegie House on November 10 and 11. All of the donations from the Remembrance Café will be given to The Royal British Legion.

Go to Page 12 for more about why Fran organised the Remembrance Café.

Soroptimists donate anniversary bench to Bridgend hospital

BRIDGEND Soroptimists have donated a bench to the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, to mark the 70th anniversary of the club's charter date.

Members of the club were joined by hospital service director Jamie Marchant, senior matron Hayley Ellis-Evans and patient services manager Malcolm Thelwell for the presentation at the hospital, which took place on October 10.

Mr Marchant expressed his gratitude for the generosity of the club in choosing the Princess of Wales Hospital and welcomed the addition of the bench to the hospital's main corridor, where patients and visitors would find additional seating most advantageous.

He also commented that it proved to be a double celebration, coinciding with the NHS' 70th anniversary.

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Soroptimists with Jamie Marchant, Malcolm Thelwell and Senior Matron Hayley Ellis-Evans at the Princess of Wales Hospital.

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Garw Valley's concert for Remembrance

THE Garw Valley branch of the Royal British Legion held its 14th annual concert on October 20 at the leisure centre Pontycymer.

The Regimental Band and Corps of Drums of the Royal Welsh performed together with Blaengarw, Ysgol Cym Garw and Ffaldau primary school choirs and Cor Meibion Maesteg ar Cylch.

The audience in a full hall were entertained by some wonderful music and singing and they were very appreciative of the performers.

Cor Meibion sang three items in the first half including 'Men of Harlech', 'You Raise me up' and 'Llanfair'.

In the second half, they completed their set with 'Y Tangnefeddwyr' with words about the bombing of Swansea during the last war and finally 'Tell My Father', about the American Civil War.

After this came The Exhortation, *Last Post*, *The Rouse* and finally the Dedication before everybody sang 'Abide With Me'.

The school choirs then sang 'Pack Up Your Troubles', 'Long Way To Tipperary', 'Our Valleys, Our Future' before the band closed the concert with 'Battle of the Atlantic' and 'Regimental March Men of Harlech' and then played for choirs and audience alike to sing the Welsh national anthem.

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Readers' Letters

'Still waiting for action over Brackla speeding'

TRAFFIC calming measures were put in place along Church Acre, Brackla in 2013 by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

The speeding continued so I asked BCBC to then monitor the speed of traffic travelling along the road. Over 600 vehicles a day were recorded travelling between 30 and 55 mph in a 20mph zone. South Wales Police were informed of these figures by BCBC.

In December 2017 Cllr John Spanswick asked for monitoring of the speed along the same road. On this occasion over 2,600 vehicles a week were found to be travelling between 25 and 54mph.

Local Welsh Conservatives made speeding along Church Acre one of their main agendas after many local residents raised concerns about the speeding. However since being elected this issue appears to have been ignored.

BCBC continues to state that it is a police matter and that it has no funds to correct what is obviously a flawed system of preventing speeding.

South Wales Police's response is to place a highly visible speed aware vehicle along Church Acre, which only deters the speeding for as long as the vehicle is parked up, usually no longer than an hour.

Brackla Community Council was informed of these findings and they were 'Noted'.

So there we have it.

BCBC has no money and believes South Wales Police should deal with it.

South Wales Police has little resources and states only BCBC can put in place adequate deterrents.

Local councillors have 'Noted' or not even replied to emails/letters.

I would therefore encourage those residents who feel the same as me about the speeding along Church Acre, especially those with young children, to make their views known to their councillors, police, PACT and BCBC.

Failing that, we could all wait and do nothing with the hope that no child or elderly person is injured or worse, killed by some idiot of a driver.

L Roberts.
Brackla.

Royal British Legion Porthcawl Armistice Remembrance Service

THE Remembrance Service this year will be held on Sunday, November 11, at 10.30am in All Saints' Church, Victoria Avenue, Porthcawl and we cordially invite you to join us on this occasion.

All townspeople, religious denominations and other organisations are invited to attend this Armistice service, and we especially invite those organisations who have a standard or flag to take part in the service.

Following the service, prior to 11am, a two-minute silence will be held at the Porthcawl war memorial. Poppy wreaths will be laid by politicians, local organisations, schools and individual members of the public who wish to pay their respect to the fallen.

Please note that refreshments will be served in All Saints' Church hall following the laying of wreaths. All associations that have a wreath each year will automatically be included on the ordering list.

Any new association that requires a wreath is requested to contact the Poppy Appeal organiser, Gloria Jones, on 01656 788449.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Ray Street on 01656 771214.

Ray Street, RBL, Porthcawl branch and
Cllr Norah Clarke, Mayor of Porthcawl.

Man drove wrong way along slip road

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They stopped the defendant, who was driving, and his partner was not fully clothed in the passenger seat. Three other people were also in the vehicle.

Stephenson was later found to have 55 microgrammes (µg) of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath: the limit is 35µg.

He admitted he had been drinking all day and there had been "a crisis" involving a female friend He said she had jumped from his vehicle and he returned along the slip road to collect her.

Stephenson was said to have previous convictions including driving with excess alcohol and failing to provide a sample for analysis. His solicitor, Adam Sharp, said: "The circumstances are peculiar. He is thoroughly ashamed and can rightly expect to be taken off the roads for a number of years."

Mr Sharp pointed out that Stephenson was a carer for a number of members of his family.

In addition, Stephenson was ordered to take the extended driving test and to carry out a rehabilitation requirement for 30 days.

Buildings bathed in purple light

THE Rotary Club of Bridgend marked World Polio Day on October 24 by illuminating several local buildings, including St Crallo's Church in Coychurch, St David's Church in Laleston and Coity Castle in purple light.

Porthcawl Lions

PORTHCAWL Lions are collecting for the Porthcawl Royal British Legion Poppy appeal, standing in John Street and other locations in the town on weekdays.

The Lions will be holding their Christmas Grotto at the Porthcawl Museum in John Street starting on Saturday, December 1 and every Saturday December 22.

Consultation and 'concepts' for future of sixth forms in Bridgend county

SIXTH form pupils in Bridgend could be driven between different sites during their lunch break under plans to shake-up post-16 education in the area.

The proposal is part of plans to cut the number of sixth forms in the county borough to allow for larger class sizes and a greater selection of subjects.

However councillors raised concerns about the mental health and wellbeing of pupils if their lunch breaks were taken away.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) is consulting on a range of options for sixth forms and FE colleges. Its preferred options involve a mix of school sixth forms with some mergers to create either new local authority maintained sixth form centre(s) or new further education college-governed sixth form centre(s).

It is expected that there will also be more online learning alongside traditional classroom teaching.

At a recent council meeting on the plans, officers said pupils would need to be transported between sites if sixth forms were merged.

John Fabes, BCBC specialist officer for post-16 education, said: "We will try to keep journey times to 20 minutes. The idea is that you would move youngsters at lunchtime so it doesn't disrupt the actual teaching blocks within the day."

But councillors raised concerns about taking away pupils' lunchbreaks.

Cllr Nicole Burnett said: "Pupils' lunchbreaks should be sacrosanct – there's already enough pressure on pupils that eats into their social time in school which is hugely important for that age group.

"We need to be very careful that that's taken very seriously – the wellbeing and mental health of our children of that age needs to be a priority."

And Cllr Carolyn Webster added: "I'm concerned that permission is almost being given to young girls to skip a meal by telling them they should be en route somewhere else rather than sitting down eating.

"That's very prevalent in society at the moment."

The plans to change the provision of post-16 education in the county have been in the pipeline for some time.

A public consultation is due to take place on the proposals once they have gone before BCBC's cabinet in November.

At the scrutiny committee meeting on Tuesday, October 16, councillors warned of pupils becoming "disengaged" if their own communities lost sixth forms.

Cllr Keith Edwards questioned whether the upcoming public consultation was transparent enough.

He said: "The preferred 'concepts' are rather grey areas and the consultation document doesn't identify where sixth form education will be maintained and lost. The schools that lose their sixth forms will see parents up in arms.

"Will we be challenged because the process isn't transparent enough, because we are not saying which schools could be lost and which not – is the process flawed?"

Mr Fabes said the public consultation was to test the water to see what the public thought about the concepts.

He said: "In the consultation paper there will be a lot of information about the impact of the different concepts in terms of the sizes of sixth forms, the finances and the standards which is not present in this paper here.

"Were the preferred concepts to be taken forward we would then have to look at every permutation that might be considered.

"If we extract the Welsh and faith-based provision we would be left with seven English medium high schools. We would need to consider what permutations there would be in terms of mergers, placements and centres.

"We would have to put those into an options paper and go out to public consultation on the precise mergers we are considering."

Currently in the county there are sixth forms present in each secondary school. They vary in size from 61 pupils to 347.

The six concepts being put forward for public consultation are:

• Concept 1 – The retention of sixth forms in all schools – the current position.

• Concept 2 – The closure of all sixth forms and the development of a local authority maintained sixth form centre(s).

• Concept 3 – The closure of all sixth forms and the development of a further education (FE) college governed sixth-form centre(s).

• Concept 4 – A mix of school sixth forms with some mergers to create new local authority maintained sixth form centre(s).

• Concept 5 – A mix of school sixth forms with some mergers to create new FE college-governed sixth form centre(s).

• Concept 6 – A full tertiary model governed by the FE sector.

The council's preferred concepts are Concepts 4 and 5.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

Llangynwyd walkers help Children in Need

The photo shows the group of walkers from Llangynwyd near Maesteg who walked about three miles in the Darren Valley for Children in Need. The amount raised was £1,497. **Arthur Thomas, walk organiser.**

Regional AM asks for residents' views on day unit closure

REGIONAL AM Suzy Davies is urging Maesteg residents to contact her with their views on plans to close the day unit at Maesteg Hospital.

ABMU health board has announced that it does not intend to re-open the unit, which closed temporarily last November, because of declining demand for its services. The unit, known locally as the day hospital, is located within Maesteg Community Hospital and was receiving 20 referrals a month from GPs. It provided the needs assessment for elderly frail patients.

Welsh Conservative Mrs Davies said: "The board says that the unit was only operating at 50 per cent capacity and since its closure, new referrals are down to seven a month which are being dealt with by Princess of Wales Hospital at its own day care centre.

"I don't think it's rocket science to work out that the decline in referrals since the Maesteg unit closed is probably down to the fact that local people knew it was closed and that they would have to travel to Bridgend. I am assuming that people were waiting for the unit to re-open in April, as was promised by the board at the time of closure.

"Actions like this when a unit is closed temporarily and that closure becomes permanent is leading to a huge distrust between the public and health officials. People very cynically expected this unit to remain closed and they have been proved right.

"ABMU claim that while it was closed, the nurse practitioner left as did the consultant who provided the cover. Am I being cynical if I suggest that neither of these was given any reassurance that there was any future for the unit and have voted with their feet?

"The closure became a self fulfilling prophecy because staff left during that period. It is possible to advertise for replacement staff, provided there is a will to do so but the health board has proved that there is no will.

"This is yet another closure of a health facility by stealth – dressed up initially as a temporary move because of staffing shortages on Llynfi Ward and then extended because of the discovery of asbestos in the unit, and then when it was time to re-open, the discovery that it had lost its staff!

"This is a blatant example of how health services are operating in Wales which has led to the widely held view that you cannot believe anything you are told by health managers."

Mrs Davies urged those who wish to make representations about the closure to contact her as she will be submitting her own observations to ABMU and would like some concrete examples of how the permanent closure will affect both users and their families; contact suzy.davies@assembly.wales.

ABMU's assistant director of strategy and partnerships Joanne Abbott-Davies said: "In line with Welsh Government guidance on engagement and consultation, we have been discussing the future of Maesteg Day Hospital with the Community Health Council.

"The Maesteg Day Hospital, which is not actually a hospital but a service within Maesteg Community Hospital, was initially closed on a temporary basis, but staffing issues beyond our control meant it has not reopened.

"A paper has been prepared for the health board meeting on Thursday, October 25, proposing that we carry out a public engagement on the proposed closure of the day hospital service, and it should instead move on a permanent basis to the Princess of Wales Hospital. This process was outlined in a letter from our chairman, Andrew Davies, to Suzy Davies in July.

"Should the Board agree to undertake this engagement, then this is proposed to run from October 29 until December 21, 2018.

"Included in the Board papers are not only the draft engagement document, but the Equality Impact Assessment, the Engagement Plan developed with the CHC and the timetable for the engagement including when this will be returned to the Board for careful consideration of all the responses received as part of the engagement and for them to make a decision."

Walk for Life helps raise funds for kidney charity

DR Parry and Jean Schofield of Porthcawl Kidney Research Committee presented a cheque for £2,000 to Kidney Wales at a coffee morning held on October 19 at the RAFA Club, Porthcawl.

The money was raised earlier in the year for Porthcawl Walk for Life.

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Bridgend Quiz League news

HERE are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. In what sport would competitors be likely to 'catch a crab'? **2.** Marmolada is the highest point in which European mountain range? **3.** Which supermarket was founded by Jack Cohen in 1919 and started to use its present name in 1924?

The results for October 22 are: Five Bells A 43, Mackworth Arms 39; Penybont AFC Nomads, 45 Crown Maesteg 47; Tondu Railway Club 46, Laleston Inn A 45; Oddfellows Arms 42, Prince of Wales Coychurch 39; Laleston Inn B 48, Pheasant Gamekeepers 50; Six Bells Clangers 42, Chatterton Shunters 52; Cabo Roche 49, Five Bells B 47. **SK**

Answers:
1. Rowing.
2. The Dolomites.
3. Tesco.

Better hurry up for the Bath bus!

A FEW spaces are left for a coach trip to Bath on Friday, November 2 with St Illtyd's Church in Newcastle, Bridgend.

Parish priest, Father David Lloyd said: "Parishioner or not, do come along for a great day out to perhaps the finest Regency city in the country.

"These outings are good fun and an opportunity to make new acquaintances, and when we get to Bath, the day is yours. Ask your friends, too," said Fr David.

Tickets are £12 and the coach leaves from West Road in Newcastle, Bridgend at 8.30am, returning at 4.30pm.

For more information and to book tickets, call 01656 655999 or search for @saintilltydbridgend on Facebook.

Also, on Saturday, November 24, is the parish Advent coffee morning.

With Advent beginning the next Sunday, the coffee morning is not to be missed.

Fr David said: "There is still time to get your creative hats on and bake a cake, make some biscuits, or be a little crafty and make decorations and other small gifts for the tree, family or friends with all proceeds going to parish funds."

There will be a tombola, cake and other foodie stalls, and the bumper Christmas hamper raffle.

"All donations will be gratefully received, and tickets cost £3, which include a mince pie, and coffee or tea."

Contact details as before.

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History Society

THE Cowbridge History Society's next meeting will be on Friday, November 2 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

The subject will be: 'The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month – Armistice Day 1918' by Don Gerrard. www.cowbridgehistorysociety.org.

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Oscar's return to green, green grass of home

Oscar can look forward to his retirement in Wales after an arduous life tracking down explosives in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Oscar returns to the green, green grass of home. Left to right, Craig, Brionne and Simon welcome home Oscar at Heathrow Animal Reception Centre.

A man from Barry has brought Oscar, the 14-year-old search dog, home to Wales from Afghanistan.

It is more than 12 years since Oscar left the country to help in the task of detecting hidden explosives, first in Iraq and then in Afghanistan.

As reported in The GEM in May, former Marine Craig O'Dare (51), who works as a private security contractor in Afghanistan, spotted Oscar during a recent trip.

Craig was in a compound and discovered some of the search dogs were supplied by Welsh company 'Malpeet K9 Academy' owned by his friend Simon Mallin.

When Craig spoke to Simon he discovered that although Oscar hadn't been supplied by Malpeet, Simon had been his handler in Iraq 12 years earlier.

The two men agreed that Oscar should have been retired long time ago and that he should come home to Wales.

Craig's daughter Brionne, aged 10, donated £20 of her pocket money and sent her dad the message: "I hope you bring Oscar home soon!"

With the support of the charity 'Nowzad', which runs an animal sanctuary in Afghanistan, Craig, Simon and crowd-funders raised around £7,000 needed to bring him home – that included injections, paperwork, the flight and a payment to the Afghan owner.

Craig said: "We had to persuade the owner that the best thing was for him to come home and that we didn't want to work him further. We certainly had no intention of that!

"The people in Afghanistan couldn't understand why people in the UK would donate money to bring a dog home."

Oscar's return home was delayed because he

Craig explained: "At the 11th hour we got all the signatures and stamps in place.

"He took a flight from Kabul to Dubai and on to Heathrow. He was then taken to the Heathrow Animal Reception Centre. He was a bit wobbly when he got off the flight, but that was to be expected for a dog of his age."

Oscar arrived back on British soil on October 18 and Craig, Simon and Brionne were there to greet him.

Simon drove Oscar back to his new home at the Malpeet K9 Academy in Blackmill where there was a welcoming party.

Craig said it is a real concern that if search dogs are not owned by British or American companies, they can work way beyond what should be a reasonable retirement age.

"Some companies just look on the dog as an asset rather than as a living being.

"Working dogs should retire at eight or nine – 14 years old is way too much."

Oscar is now settling into his retirement.

Craig said: "It is absolutely wonderful that Oscar will live out his life in the green fields and rolling hillsides of Wales."

Merched y Wawr meets author from Down Under

AT their October meeting Merched y Wawr members enjoyed the company of Elizabeth Jane Corbett, an author and Welsh tutor from Melbourne, Australia.

Elizabeth was born in England to an English father and Welsh mother whose family still live in Port Talbot. During her childhood, the family emigrated to Australia where Elizabeth still lives.

Having graduated in history she became a librarian, married and had four children.

Following a mid-life crisis she decided to write a historical novel about a group of migrants' arduous voyage to Australia. She included some Welsh passengers due to her mother's ancestry.

While researching her story, she came across The Mabinogion and many other Welsh tales. As a result the Welsh characters became storytellers on the long journey and she felt it necessary to familiarise herself with the language.

She registered in a Welsh class in Melbourne for one term. Thus began her commitment to learning the language which fascinated her from the very first session. A term became many more and she is now a Welsh tutor at the Melbourne Celtic Club.

She visited Wales in 2016 and stayed at Stiwdio Maelor in Corris, a residential studio for authors and artists established by Veronica Calarco, an Australian artist.

Her Welsh continued to improve as she joined a Welsh class, became a member of Merched y Wawr in Corris and conversed with local people. She completed her novel *The Tides Between* while staying there and has won several accolades for her writing.

The next meeting will be on Monday, November 12 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall when Liz West will demonstrate how to make Christmas treats.

YM mis Hydref cawsom gwmni Elizabeth Jane Corbett, awdures a thiwtor y Gymraeg o Melbourne, Awstralia.

Ganwyd Elizabeth yn Lloegr. Sais oedd ei thad a'i mam yn Gymraes o Bort Talbot a Saesneg oedd iaith yr aelwyd. Ymfudodd y teulu i Awstralia yn ystod ei phlentyndod a dyna ble mae ei chartref ers hynny.

Ar ôl graddio mewn Hanes dilynodd yrfa mewn llyfrgell, priodi a chael pedwar o blant. Yn dilyn argyfwng canol-oed penderfynodd ysgrifennu nofel hanesyddol am fordaith pobl yn ymfudo i Awstralia gan gynnwys cymeriadau o Gymru oherwydd cysylltiad ei mam â'r wlad. Wrth wneud ymchwil dysgodd am y Mabinogion a chwedlau eraill. Trwy hap a damwain y dysgodd hi Gymraeg. Teimlai y byddai o fudd iddi ymgyfarwyddo â'r iaith wrth droi'r Cymry yn storïwyr ar y fordaith hir. Cofrestrodd mewn dosbarth Cymraeg ym Melbourne am dymor a dyna gychwyn ar ei hymroddiad i ddysgu siarad yr iaith a'i swynodd o'r wers gyntaf. Aeth tymor yn flynyddoedd ac erbyn hyn mae hi'n diwtor y Gymraeg yn y Ganolfan Geltaidd ym Melbourne.

Yn 2016 daeth drosodd i Gymru gan aros yn Stiwdio Maelor yng Nghorris, sef stiwdio breswyl ar gyfer awduron ac arlunwyr a sefydlwyd gan Veronica Calarco, arlunydd o Awstralia, Cafodd gyfle i ymarfer ei Chymraeg gyda Merched y Wawr Corris a phobl yr ardal. Cwblhaodd ei nofel 'The Tides Between' tra'n aros yno.

Bydd ein cyfarfod nesaf nos Lun 12fed Tachwedd yn y Neuadd Lai am 7.30 pan ddaw Liz West atom i ddangos i ni sut i wneud danteithion ar gyfer y Nadolig.

MC

Activities aplenty at local WI

THIS month, Bont Faen WI were transported by Armorel Hamilton to the place inhabited by the Faybles.

All her figures, beautifully crafted, are brought to life with their history and their stories. The attention to detail on each individual piece was wonderful, as was Armorel's ability to transfer her imagination to reality in her designs.

Sue Bradshaw-Jones brought members back to Cowbridge and the business part of the evening. The social for next month is a trip to Cardiff to see *Wicked*.

Sue and Jane are also organising a trip to Cheltenham for the Christmas Market on December 1, Christmas dinner at the Bear on January 3 and finally *Calendar Girls* in May.

The Culture Vultures have organised a trip to Bristol in the spring and the Walkie Talkies are planning a walk in December.

At next month's meeting, the speaker will talk about Nash Point Lighthouse on November 15 at 8pm in the Lesser Hall; all are welcome.

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The SS **Arandora Star.**

The Welsh-Italian connection for local U3A group

IT was in July 2013 that Romeo Basini visited Cowbridge U3A and told the story of the village of Bardi, near Parma, where he had been brought up.

From the late 19th to the 20th century, numerous Bardi inhabitants had emigrated, many to Wales, where they were to have a notable impact on Welsh life.

Mr Basini returned to Cowbridge recently to continue the tale of the Welsh Italians.

Honorary knighthoods are a diplomatic tool used by Britain to reward its friends and others it regards as worthy folk around the world. Benito Mussolini was awarded one in 1923; other controversial recipients have been Robert Mugabe and Nicolae Ceaucescu. Mussolini's honour was withdrawn shortly after Italy had declared war on Great Britain on June 10, 1940.

As in 1939 with German and Austrian civilians in the UK, resident Italians were also considered for internment following the start of hostilities with Italy. About 4,000 resident Italians, who were known to be members of the Italian Fascist Party, and others, aged between 16 and 70 who had lived in Britain for fewer than 20 years, were ordered to be interned.

The numbers involved created a serious problem about where to house all the internees (the Isle of Man being one solution), so following offers from the Canadian and Australian governments, it was decided to ship many interned men overseas.

So it was that the SS *Arandora Star*, a requisitioned Blue Star liner, left Liverpool bound for St John's, Newfoundland, carrying over 700 Italian internees, plus perhaps over 500 German and Austrian internees and prisoners of war, along with 200 guards and 174 crew. The ship was torpedoed by a U-boat on July 2, 1940, 75 miles off the Atlantic coast of Ireland.

There was heavy loss of life, including more than half of the Italians on board the vessel and the ship's captain. Many of the Italian victims were from Wales.

One of the dead was the speaker's uncle, his father's younger brother. He left a young widow with twins in south Wales.

Of the Italian internees who arrived safely in Canada or Australia, about 15 per cent decided to stay in their new home at the end of the war.

Mr Basini then described how, slowly but steadily, the Italians became integrated post-war into Welsh society, as changes in social behaviour resulted in mixed marriages (in terms of both nationality and religion).

There may only be three Italian cafés left in the Rhondda, from a peak of more than 50, but the Italian influence is still here. For example in sport, Robert Sidoli gained 42 caps playing rugby for Wales but his brother Peter, although never selected, was eligible to represent Italy.

The highly-successful world champion boxer Joe Calzaghe had an Italian father and a Welsh mother.

Mr Basini concluded his talk with a description of the *Arandora Star* memorial which was unveiled at St David's RC Cathedral in Cardiff in 2010, 70 years after the ship was lost. Poignantly, one name on the plaque is Bartolomeo Basini from Treherbert.

SPM

End of another year for the Ploughing and Hedging Society

THE Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing and Hedging Society held its last meeting for 2018 at the Six Bells Inn, Penmark on October 18.

The chairman, Andrew Studley, welcomed those present and thanked the president Richard Anthony for his overwhelming support in staging the ploughing match at Sealand Farm, St Brides Major in September. Richard thanked Mr and Mrs Studley for the work they have put in over the years to drive the Society forward and making it so successful.

The chairman also thanked the many farmers in the Vale who have supported the Society over the years by offering venues for the ploughing events. His aim is to be able to plan the ploughing matches two or three years in advance, bearing in mind that planning for cropping on farms is set out years in advance.

Secretary Sarah Radcliffe reported that the ploughing events were running more smoothly since introducing the rule that all entries were to be lodged at least two weeks before the events and printed in the programme.

It was agreed that the number of judges at events should be increased to four. The secretary also pointed out that, while the Society is mindful of health and safety, it would be a good idea to have a couple of certified first aiders on hand in case they were ever needed. It was proposed that a meeting of the stewards would be arranged to brief them on procedures.

Treasurer Rhys Morgan was very pleased to report that all the bills had been paid and the account balance was in good shape going into 2019, suggesting it might be possible to increase the prize money for 2019 in all classes.

He thanked the sponsors and trade stands for their continued support. He reminded all members to renew their membership for 2019.

The chairman announced that the ploughing match next year will take place at Ty Draw, St Mary Church on Sunday, September 8, 2019 by permission of Julian Radcliffe. A demonstration of steam ploughing has been booked, as well as several teams of horses, so that visitors will be able to see the various types of ploughing through the ages.

The chairman closed the meeting by thanking the secretary and treasurer for their dedication, and the committee members for their input in making it another successful year.

FG

A tour of NATO's allies reveals their security fears

WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON writes from Westminster for The GEM.

HOW did you spend your holiday? I visited Portugal, Spain, Hungary and the Czech Republic with NATO Parliamentarians to see the defence pressures we all face.

Portugal's parliamentary republic was overthrown in a bloodless coup in May 1926. Salazar became Prime Minister in 1932 and created an authoritarian regime which continued until 1974.

Portugal was a founding member of NATO but played only a small part until the death of Salazar. It joined the then EEC in 1986.

Portugal has few land forces but its historic role as a naval power remains strong. Today Portugal is involved in 40 missions in Africa, Asia, America and Europe.

In the Parliament we discussed the pressures on NATO's southern flank. The rise of numerous jihadi groups in sub-Saharan Africa has caused people to flee. A number of NATO members are there helping to build stability and stem the flow of migrants.

The closure of the Libya Italy route has moved the people smugglers along the coast to Morocco and Tunisia. Concern was expressed that they were not receiving the help and support they need.

A visit to the Lisbon naval base brought an insight into the search and rescue, intelligence gathering, use of radar and monitoring the movements of Portuguese shipping across the world.

Then we flew to Madrid. The turbulent times following the Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939 are well documented.

General Franco's reign was repressive. Before his death in 1975, he nominated the grandson of the last king of Spain, Juan Carlos to be his successor. An attempted military coup in 1981 took 350 MPs hostage in the Spanish Parliament but failed. Spain joined NATO in 1982 and the EEC in 1986.

The experience of terror and repression has made Spain, like Portugal, very aware of the value of democracy. Here we visited a NATO center of excellence for countering improvised explosive devices (IEDs). It was clear that improvised does not mean simple.

Behind every IED is a huge network of people financing, recruiting, supplying, transporting, building, planning, placing, triggering, and exploiting each explosion. They are the submerged area of the iceberg we must tackle.

Our last day was spent in Parliament meeting the Spanish Red Cross and the Spanish Secretary of State for the European Union.

Most of the work of the Red Cross is with local vulnerable elderly but the focus for us was on immigration. In 2018, over 1,500 died trying to cross the Mediterranean but we forget that 80 per cent of all migration takes place within Africa.

Some the world's poorest countries host large numbers fleeing war, climate change and unemployment. Turkey alone is hosting four million who fled conflict in Syria and Iraq.

Simple facts can change your perspective. More migrants arrive by air than sea and in Spain of the 5m population of immigrants, 300,000 are British.

Time to move on to Hungary. During World War 2, it was occupied by Nazi forces and then by the Red Army. The occupying Soviet Forces tied Hungary into the Eastern Bloc until 1991. October 1956 saw an attempt to loosen control from Moscow, but this ended with the arrival of Soviet tanks.

Hungary's gradual liberalisation as a result of 'Glasnost' resulted in a new constitution in 1989, a transition to democracy. Hungary's decision to open its borders to East Germans wanting to cross into Austria precipitated protests in Germany which led to the fall of the Wall.

Hungary joined NATO in 1999 and the EU in 2004.

There is much I could say about the visit to Hungary but a meeting at the excellent Central European University stands out.

We discussed how political cyber trolling increases at times of high risk. Russia's numerous troll factories aim to spread social media conspiracy theories, create doubt about what is true so that our citizens withdraw from the conversation and become cynical. A reality recognised across the NATO Alliance.

The final leg of the tour was to Prague in the Czech Republic. Czechoslovakia was created by a Communist coup d'état in 1948 which established a regime which crushed all opposition.

In 1968, there was a brief period of liberalisation but Soviet tanks invaded bringing it to an end. The Velvet Revolution led to free elections in 1990 and an amiable split from Slovakia. The Czech Republic joined NATO in 1999 and the EU in 2004.

Here we had impressive presentations on cyber defence, from Radio Free Europe and a visit to the NATO Centre of Excellence in Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear weapons (CRBN).

Ironically as we sat through a presentation on training of military personnel to deal with CBRN attacks word came through of the arrest of Russian agents attempting to hack into the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. A fitting end to the visits.

I have omitted so much. I saw too many secret police museums. I hope this gives you a snapshot of the work of the NATO Parliament.

I left Prague to monitor the General Election in Bosnia Herzegovina but that's for a subsequent article.

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The rural community fund that could benefit Bettws

THE newly-formed Bettws Forum has big ambitions for improving its community over the next five years, and wants as many local residents as possible to get involved.

Thanks to £5,000 funding from Bridgend County Borough Council's Reach Rural Development team via their 'Thriving Rural Communities' fund, members of the forum have appointed consultant Gareth Osborne to carry out public consultation to help develop their plans which centre on four priorities for Bettws: housing, public transport, sport and recreation, and community regeneration.

Among the proposals the forum is looking at is the creation of a sports hub based at the new Bettws Primary School. The plan is for the school's new all-weather sports pitch to be used by the community outside of school hours.

To get involved and share your views on the future priorities for Bettws, please email gmoconsultants@gmail.com

Cllr Charles Smith, BCBC's cabinet member for regeneration and education, said: "It's great to see such a proactive community coming together. I'm sure that their actions can encourage other communities to create their own forums too and follow the template of the Bettws Forum."

The project has received funding through the Welsh Government Rural Communities Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Welsh Government.

There are 21 rural wards in Bridgend county borough that are eligible for rural development funding. If you have ideas for your rural community that you would like to develop, visit www.bridgendreach.org.uk or email reach@bridgend.gov.uk for further information.

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Councillors to receive pay rise

THE basic wage for councillors in principal authorities across Wales is set to go up to £13,868 per year – an increase of £268 – in 2019/20.

Wages paid to council leaders, deputy leaders and executive members would rise by £800, inclusive of the £268 increase to their basic salaries, under the proposals put forward by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

If accepted by councillors, their basic wages would have risen by almost £800 since 2012, but would mean their salaries would be back to the same levels as at 2011, when they were cut by five per cent.

A report by the panel said: "During our visits to all principal councils last year, many members expressed the view that compared with traditional paid employment, the basic salary is too low to attract younger people and to encourage greater diversity.

They also pointed out the significant differences between remuneration and support available to elected members in other levels of government in Wales.

The report said: "They proposed that the level of the basic salary should therefore be raised significantly in recognition of the importance of the role of an elected member of a principal council."

The leaders of the Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend County Borough Council would earn £49,100. Their deputies would earn £34,600, with cabinet members getting £30,100.

LDR

'Sparks in the Park' fund supports the Amelia Trust

CARDIFF Round Table, a group of volunteers who spend their free time raising money for charity, recently donated £5,000 to Amelia Trust Farm in the Vale.

The money raised from 2017's Sparks in the Park, an annual firework display hosted by Cardiff Round Table, has helped Amelia Trust Farm to upgrade its facilities and make essential investments in machinery.

Amelia Trust Farm provides therapeutic support to disadvantaged and vulnerable people in a care farm setting. Open to the general public all year, the farm runs programmes to support young people struggling with mainstream education and extends its caring and nurturing environment to adults with learning difficulties.

Last year's Sparks in the Park raised a record amount for charity, bringing in over £60,000 that has since been distributed to deserving local causes.

As a charity that receives no statutory funding, Amelia Trust Farm is just one organisation that has benefited from Cardiff Round Table's Sparks in the Park.

Over the last three years, Cardiff Round Table donated £12,000 to Amelia Trust Farm which has gone towards numerous projects, including the building of a new Welcome Shelter, upgrading the bunkhouse facilities and the purchase of a much-needed sit-on mower for their 160 acres.

Karen Turnbull, director at Amelia Trust Farm, said: "We are incredibly grateful for the financial support from Cardiff Round Table. Their donations have enabled us to make essential improvements to our facilities that are enjoyed by so many people from all over south Wales. Without their support, we would have struggled to make these improvements."

Cardiff Round Table chairman, Christopher Morgan, said: "We are so glad that we are able to provide financial support for charities like Amelia Trust Farm who do fantastic work helping vulnerable and disadvantaged people."

Sparks in the Park will be held in Blackweir Fields, Bute Park, Cardiff on November 3. To purchase tickets, visit https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sparks-in-the-park-tickets-49280200406.

To learn more about Cardiff Round Table and their local charity work, visit *https://cardiff.roundtable.co.uk/*.

Karen and Jeff at Amelia Trust Farm.

Will Flossie find a home in your heart?

FLOSSIE is an 18-month-old Yorkshire Terrier who is looking for a quiet, loving adult-only home where she will be given some time and space to settle in.

Flossie with Dog's Trust's Gabby.

Flossie has always lived with other dogs, so we are looking to rehome her with another dog already established in the home and this may help her as she can get worried in new situations.

In time, Flossie's personality will shine through and she will be a loving and loyal companion.

If you would like to know more about Flossie, contact Dogs Trust Bridgend on 01656 725219; or pop down to the centre at Court Colman, CF31 4NG. Visit www.dogstrust.org.uk for more information.

NFU Ladies latest news

A BIG thank you from all at NFU Ladies goes to Alison Westwood and Elizabeth for their demonstration on how to gift wrap for all occasions.

Ray Evans gave the vote of thanks and Liz Jervis won the raffle.

We meet at 2pm at the WMC Cardiff on Thursday, November 22 to see *Wicked*.

The Christmas party is on Wednesday, December 12 at 7pm in Penllyn village hall. Please bring refreshments.

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Beating retreat on Remembrance Sunday

IT can be a trying time, Remembrance Day, for some.

Thoughts of mates or family who served and who are no longer alive, spring quite naturally to mind. It is, after all, about remembrance.

There is often pride at the memories of those gone, which can, in part, temper a natural sadness.

And yet other memories can crop up, often without warning and very often wholly unwanted. They can be triggered by a sound or too many sounds, a smell, a flash of colour, and in an instant that person is reliving a part of their life they would rather forget.

Not everyone, especially former servicemen and women, finds the run-up to Remembrance Sunday easy, not helped by the seemingly incessant, but still often unexpected screech, bang, flash or crack of fireworks before, during and after Bonfire Night.

Men and women – who have served their country, but would balk at the term 'brave' – are known to wear ear defenders, turn the TV or radio up, close the curtains to avoid the sights, smells and sounds of these explosions, albeit ones for a 'fun' activity.

At Bridgend's Remembrance Sunday service and parade two years ago, this writer, and no doubt others present, saw a young woman in some distress.

It was at the end of the parade, and before ranks could be broken to see if she wanted help, she had gone elsewhere.

Last year, she was back. The writer managed to have a quick chat with her, and later saw her in Carnegie House.

She – Fran Hunt – had set up a 'Remembrance Café' for veterans, serving personnel, and their families.

This is Fran's story.

TWO years ago I attended my first Remembrance Day service after the recent loss of my grandfather, Colin Clark.

He joined the Army aged 14 and gave 21 years' service. In later years he became a Chelsea pensioner.

Colin Clark, Chelsea Pensioner, former British Army sergeant, and Fran Hunt's grandfather.

Remembrance Sunday can be a tough time for many people.

For me, the first remembrance service after losing my grandfather was a difficult experience. At the end of the service, I walked towards the war memorial to lay a wreath in memory of my grandfather and great grandfather who also served in the Army.

A gentleman there was also laying a wreath, in memory of his son, who had been killed in action.

We stood chatting for around 15 minutes talking about our loved ones and their time spent in the Army. I then hugged him and wished him well.

As he left for home I realised he wasn't accompanied by any family members or friends. Watching him leave alone and so upset deeply affected me.

He needed a place to go, a place to be with other people who understood what he was going through.

I needed a place like that too, and I decided there and then that next year I would make sure we had such a place.

The idea of the Remembrance Café was born.

The Remembrance Café, based in Carnegie House, is a place for the people of Bridgend, particularly those who have been affected by war to share tea, cake and companionship on the day of the Remembrance Sunday Service (November 11, between 10am and 3pm) and the family Remembrance Service the day before, from 12 noon to 2pm

This year we're also opening a quiet space away from the hubbub of the main café. This is for people who have PTSD or those who find crowds difficult and need a safe space to retreat to.

The donations made towards refreshments are in aid of the Royal British Legion. Last year the café was a great success and we raised £172.

We're hoping to beat that this year. We are still in need of willing volunteers and cake donations, if you can help please contact Fran Hunt via email fran.kelly@me.com. You can also donate money to our Just Giving page to help us find the funds needed for refreshments and advertising. www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/remembrance cafe. **FH**

Combat Stress is a charity that helps serving and former HM Armed Forces personnel with mental health problems, including PTSD.

Its helpline is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Veterans and their families can call 0800 138 1619. Serving personnel and their families can call 0800 323 4444. Alternatively, text on 07537 404719 or email helpline@combatstress.org.uk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rhoose Craft Group

RHOOSE Adult Craft Group is holding an open day at the Celtic Way Community Centre, Rhoose, on Saturday, November 10 from 1pm to 5pm.

Free entry, crafts for sale and refreshments are available and new members are always welcome.

Alzheimer's Cardiff offer support

ALZHEIMER'S Cardiff and Vale offer support and advice, both practical and financial.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale will hold a drop-in information session on Thursday, November 1 from 10am to 12pm. No appointment is needed. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

From left: Squadron Leader Jason Horton and Cadet Corporal Rhian Horton (372 ATC Barry), and Rotary president Jill Osborne.

Rotary Youth Leadership awards

GUEST speaker at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Barry was a student who took part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) programme earlier this year.

Air Cadet Corporal Rhian Horton took part in one of a series of south Wales RYLA courses based at the Storey Arms Outdoor Pursuits Centre in the Brecon Beacons National Park. She was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Barry.

Cdt Horton spoke of the wide variety of activities available. She told the club that during her week away she took part in gorge walking, mountain walking, caving and canoeing as well as team tasks and games, and thanked the club for giving her this opportunity, which made her feel truly inspired.

President Jill Osborne congratulated Cdt Horton on her successful week and presented her with her RYLA certificate.

Jill Osborne

Local pupils take a step back in time

YEAR 6 Oak Field Primary School pupils stepped back in time when they visited The 1940s Experience at Swansea Bay recently.

They had a real sense of what life was like for people during World War Two by going into air raid shelters, walking along a 'bombed' street, experiencing the shops, dressing up and talking to the experts at the museum. **ND**

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE FORUM

The Vale of Glamorgan Council is beginning the process of reappointing the statutory Local Access Forum, as required under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. The Forum will consist of between 12 and 22 members. Membership will be for a three year period from the date of the first meeting.

The function of the Forum is to advise the Local Authority, Natural Resources Wales and others, as to the improvement of public access to land in the area for the purposes of open-air recreation and the enjoyment of the area.

It is anticipated that the first meeting of the reappointed Forum will take place in November 2018. Meetings generally take place on a quarterly basis at a time and place agreed by the Forum members. It is important that members attempt to attend all meetings, as deputies will not be permitted. These are unpaid positions but Forum members will be able to claim reasonable expenses.

Any person wishing to be considered for membership can obtain further details and an application form by writing to

Gareth Davies,
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‘Famous Five’ go back to Cathedral School

The first girl pupils at the Cathedral School with Clare Sherwood, headteacher (back row, fourth from the left) with some of the school’s current pupils, Dr Rosie Dymond (back row, third from the left).

THE Cathedral School in Llandaff, Cardiff, has marked 40 years of co-education with its first intake of girl pupils revisiting their old school for a celebratory event.

Five girl pupils made history when they joined in 1978, after almost a century of being a dedicated boys’ school.

Called ‘The Famous Five’, they recently returned to the Cathedral School, where they were joined by former pupils and past and present teaching staff, including the school’s headmaster of the time George Hill, for a special celebration marking the move into co-education.

Dr Rosie Dymond, one of ‘The Famous Five’ said: “It was wonderful to return 40 years after we made history as the first girl pupils to attend the Cathedral School.

“It might have seemed daunting to some at the time, but I had the advantage that my brother Peter was already a pupil so I had a good idea of what to expect. I just remember being excited about being able to join him.

“I absolutely loved my time at the school and still value the teaching and great grounding that I received there. My own love of mathematics, languages and literature stem from my days at the Cathedral School.

“A particular highlight was in my final year when author and former Cathedral School pupil, Roald Dahl came to present prizes at Speech Day and fascinated us with stories of his life and one about a sweet shop. I like to think that he tested parts of what would be his published book *Boy* on us that day.

“There were just five of us in that historic first intake back in 1978, but it is fantastic to see that the number of girl pupils has grown so substantially over the last 40 years.”

Clare Sherwood, the first female head of the Cathedral School, said: “While the school has changed significantly since 1978, at its core, its values remain the same.

“The feeling of comradeship and community I sense has long been a feature here, with boys and girls collaborating in the classroom to gain a fresh perspective from each other intellectually and socially.

“Since becoming co-educational we have grown from 200 to 800 pupils aged from three to 18 in our Sixth Form, which began in 2013.”

The school is planning a series of other events during the current academic year to celebrate 40 years of co-education.

Spot the driving instructor

DRIVING instructors in Barry and Cardiff are taking part in the Big Learner Relay to raise funds for Children in Need.

On Wednesday, November 14, they will be joining in a ‘spotty convoy’ through Barry.

A spokesman said: “The Big Learner relay is now in its fifth year and features driving instructors and pupils across the country getting together to raise money for Children in Need by relaying a charity top box from one driving lesson to another around England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

“The relay takes place in the two weeks leading up to Children in Need.

“This year, Barry instructors Dan of Flying Colours School of Motoring, Krista of Magnet Driving School and Lubos of Luby’s Driving School in Cardiff, have been honoured with the lead car roles.

“They will bring the spotty relay from Cardiff to Barry, then onto Culverhouse Cross. From there, the convoy will travel to Pontypridd and on to Merthyr.

To support the convoy, it will be at Cardiff East park and ride (12pm); Barry old Butlins car park (1pm); Tesco, Culverhouse Cross (2pm); Sainsbury’s, Pontypridd (3pm).

The spokesman added: “We advise you arrive 30 minutes before to ensure you don’t miss us.”

Fireworks warning in the run-up to Bonfire night

WITH bonfire night fast approaching, the Farmers’ Union of Wales is urging people to remember the distress fireworks and sky lanterns can cause to livestock and pets and reminds them of the dangers posed by bonfires.

“We call on people to stick to the firework safety code at all times, especially over the bonfire and Hallowe’en season, to minimise the risk to livestock, pets and humans,” said FUW Policy Officer Charlotte Priddy.

“This time of year poses many dangers to animals and children, so don’t let negligence and ignorance be the cause for a real-life horror,” added Mrs Priddy.

Animals in general are not fond of the noise of fireworks and can become quite anxious during this time of year. Therefore, the FUW urges people to be considerate and not let them off near livestock.

Mrs Priddy said: “It is also a good idea to make sure that your pets have been micro-chipped by a vet and that the details on the chip are up to date prior to bonfire night, just in case they go missing.”

The FUW recommends that people visit an organised display but if you are having a display at home, please make sure you follow the firework code at all times to minimise the stress for farm animals and children.

It is also advisable to give neighbours a few days notice of your firework display, particularly if they are elderly, have young children or pets.

“We also remind people that sky lanterns have now been banned by all councils across Wales, as they pose significant dangers to livestock and are, of course, a considerable fire safety risk,” added Mrs Priddy.

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Local pianist to play at All Saints' concert

LUNCHTIME concerts continue at All Saints' Church, Penarth, next Monday with the return of pianist Lucas Dwyer.

Mr Dwyer, a graduate of Trinity College of Music, is from Penarth and has played at All Saints' on several occasions.

While at Trinity, Mr Dwyer studied under Russian concert pianist Alexander Ardakov, specialising in late Romantic and early 20th century music.

Musical theatre is of great importance to Mr Dwyer, having performed in the UK Premiere of *Phantom of the Opera* (schools edition) while attending Stanwell School. At Trinity, he enjoyed performing with the Trinity Musical Theatre Pit Band.

Since graduating in June 2017, Mr Dwyer has worked in the Philharmonia Orchestra's Education Department, and more recently with BBC National Orchestra of Wales and Gloucestershire Academy of Music.

Music at Lunchtime concerts at All Saints' Church start at 1pm with doors open for refreshments at 12.30pm.

Concerts last about an hour. Entry is free, but donations are welcomed with proceeds shared between the church and a charity of the performer's choice.

Mr Dwyer has expressed a wish that his portion of the donations should be given to Marie Curie.

More information about lunchtime and evening concerts at All Saints' Church are available on www.allsaintspenarth.org.uk or by emailing admin@allsaintspenarth.org.uk. **AS**

Lucas Dwyer.

Mayor's Sully charity night hailed a success

THE Mayor of Barry, Cllr Janice Charles, would like to thank everyone who attended the Tom Jones Night held at the Seashore Grill & Bar, Sully on October 19.

It was a fantastic evening and enjoyed by all those who attended. The Mayor would also like to thank Robb Dee (Tom Jones tribute act) for his fabulous performance and to the staff at the Seashore for their donation of prizes, and the wonderful buffet they provided on the evening.

All funds raised on the evening are in aid of the Barry Army Cadets, Barry RAF Cadets, Barry Round Table and Barry Rotary Club – the charities the Mayor is supporting during her term of office. **JULIE HURD**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Charity Bingo

A CHARITY bingo and raffle with licensed bar, and featuring Christmas gift stalls will take place at Paul Lewis Community Centre on Friday, October 26. Doors open at 6pm and all proceeds are going to Kidney Research.

Handmade Market

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What's on and where

Art society

ON Thursday, October 25, a portrait painting demonstration in oils by artist Derek Windsor takes place at Cowbridge Art Society.

The society welcomes artists of any level and also non artists who would like to see demonstrations of various art techniques or attend illustrated lectures on art topics.

The group meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm to 9pm) and visitors (small fee) and new members are most welcome.

Please note there is no meeting on November 1 as it is half term.

Epilepsy support

EPILEPSY Wales run a monthly outreach support group at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop in Holton Road, Barry.

This will be held on Thursday, October 25 from 10.30am to 12pm. You will be able to chat to a health care professional, Lesley Williams from Epilepsy Wales; and find out what is available in your local area – support groups and advice etc. No appointment is needed, call 01446 732385 for further information.

Rhoose Bingo

RHOOSE Community Hall in Stewart Road will host a festive Bingo afternoon next Saturday, October 27.

Doors will open at 1.45pm for a prompt start at 2.30pm with light refreshments at the half time break together with a large Christmas themed raffle.

Coffee morning

THE Barry Barnardos fundraising committee are having a coffee morning, bric-a-brac and homemade cake sale at All Saints' church hall, Barry on Saturday, October 27 at 10.30am. Tickets are £1.50 and can be purchased on the day.

Hallowe'en cake sale

FRIENDS of Penarth Library will be holding a Hallowe'en cake sale at the library in Stanwell Road on Saturday, October 27. It will take place between 10am and 1pm.

CADS Show

COWBRIDGE Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS) present *Pack Up Your Troubles* to commemorate the Armistice of World War 1.

This takes place between November 7 – 10 at The Market Theatre; doors and bar from 7pm, curtain rises 7.30pm. Tickets from WG Davies Newsagents.

'Mad science' at Barry Library

THIS October half-term, Cancer Research Wales and Mad Science will be partnering the Barry Library to delve into a whole world of science discovery.

Children can take part in interactive experiments and get hands on with the different types of Mad Science that will be on offer.

The event is free to attend and will take place at the Main Barry Library, King Square on Thursday, November 1 from 12pm-4pm.

For further information, contact Dr Lee Campbell or Dr Beth Routley at Cancer Research Wales on 02920 316283.

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Halloween sequel delivers a shot of nostalgia, but it just falls too short...

by GARETH JAMIESON
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FOR me, the staple film of October 31 has to be *Halloween*; not one of the sequels, not Rob Zombie's ill-thought-out 'reimagining', no – it has to be John Carpenter's original, a classic not just of the horror genre, but of film in general.

It's a film equally beloved of David Gordon Green and Danny McBride who, when offered the keys to the franchise, asked only that they could make a direct sequel to Carpenter's 1978 film, forgetting all the ridiculousness that came afterwards, and that Carpenter be involved. So it is that *Halloween*, featuring a John Carpenter score, now hits cinemas.

Laurie Strode (Jamie Lee Curtis) has been living in fear since the events of Michael Myers' killing spree 40 years ago. But when Michael returns to Haddonfield, having escaped from being transferred, Laurie decides enough is enough and takes action into her own hands, with one final confrontation on the agenda; but one that will see her daughter Karen (Judy Greer) and granddaughter Allyson (Andi Matichak) also in danger...

To be fair to David Gordon Green and Danny McBride, there's not a lot of competition when it comes to making a *Halloween* sequel. *Halloween II* is passable at best, but after that came some awful, ridiculous and, quite frankly, abysmal offerings, all of which rammed home how skilled and sublime John Carpenter's 1978 original is.

In the driver's seat, and with the blessing of Carpenter along with original stars Jamie Lee Curtis and Nick Castle (who essayed the role of Michael, or 'The Shape' in the original), the pair, along with co-writer Jeff Fradley, have fashioned a film that is spiritually and aesthetically in hock to Carpenter's film, which is certainly a noble thing.

However, ultimately, while an interesting take on the lore, it proves to be a touch underwhelming.

Director Green's CV is a mix of off-kilter comedy and gritty drama, so not an obvious choice to tackle arguably horror's crown jewel, but he does a decent job here.

The direction certainly pays heavy lip service to Carpenter's film, a tracking shot echoing the original's opening, while the atmosphere and mood of the piece has a definite kinship; there's a few visual tricks that Green echoes which are nice nods as well.

But this is a film that needs to stand on its own two feet, and while it does that, it doesn't truly convince when it does.

It doesn't help that the film has a sluggish opening, revolving around two British podcasters trying to uncover the story of what happened all those years ago, which is there to kick the plot into action.

However, it takes too long to do this, while the humanisation of Michael (complete with the de-masked Michael on the edge of the frame), a man described as the 'ultimate embodiment of evil', feels unnecessary.

The Boogieman loses his power when his motivations and actions are made apparent, and this is a mis-step that takes some of the menace out of the film.

Once the film kicks into higher gear and Michael is on his way back to Haddonfield, the film starts to earn its stripes. There are few, if any, gimmicky jump scares; instead the horror is matter-of-fact, as Michael starts laying waste to anything in his path, heading towards his showdown with Laurie.

While it's nice to see Jamie Lee Curtis back in the role, it's also an interesting direction that has been taken with the character. Determined to survive and be ready if and when Michael returns, she goes into full 'Sarah Connor *Terminator II*' mode.

Guns, a booby-trapped house, all kinds of weaponry, she is no longer a passive victim, even if, as we discover, it has cost her her family.

Curtis is great here, bringing a real hard-nosed performance, and around her, while many are there purely to satisfy Michael's murderous instincts, the performances of Judy Greer as her daughter and Andi Matichak as her granddaughter are also enjoyable.

But, just as all the other sequels discovered, it takes a lot to pull away from the shadow of one of the greats and *Halloween* doesn't manage it.

There are some interesting narrative ideas, plenty of connective tissue and, in fairness, a real sense of trying to maintain the feel of the 1978 film here, but on its own terms it just doesn't quite manage to stick the landing.

VERDICT: Michael Myers is back, and to say that *Halloween* is the best sequel of the series would be fair; but it doesn't quite succeed as the sequel we wanted. Its reluctance to tear up the rule book is a welcome one, but it plays a little too slavishly to the formula to really hit home.

There are some clever ideas and the impact of John Carpenter's 1978 original lends weight to proceedings, but all in all, it feels a little hollow. *Average*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: John Carpenter's *Halloween* (1978), *Psycho* (1960).

Michelin star chefs prepare homeless fundraising dinner

CARDIFF and Vale College's European restaurant, The Classroom, is set to host Welsh Michelin-star chefs at a fundraising dinner for homelessness charity Llamau on Thursday, November 8.

The Pride of Wales Charity Dinner will feature dishes designed and created by Michelin-star chefs Hywel Jones, James Sommerin, Stephen Terry and Richard Davies. The chefs have worked together on the menu for the evening.

A spokesperson said: "This is an excellent opportunity to enjoy culinary delights prepared by some of Wales' finest chefs, while raising money for Llamau, guests can watch the chefs at work in The Classroom's gallery kitchen.

"The evening will conclude with a charity auction in aid of Llamau, offering the opportunity to bid on a number of exciting items which have yet to be unveiled.

"The event is being organised by Llamau with support and sponsorship from Sitka Recruitment, Total Produce, The Classroom and Meat Promotion Wales."

Cardiff and Vale College Principal Kay Martin said: "This occasion will also represent a truly fantastic learner experience for the College's hospitality and catering students who will be working at the event.

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BRO RADIO, the local community radio station for the Vale, has announced its plans to celebrate 10 years on air in March 2019, with the launch of Bro Radio's Community Awards.

The event, which is sponsored by Wessex Garages Nissan, aims to celebrate outstanding individuals in the third sector, business, sport and the local community in the Vale who don't always get recognised.

The Community Awards will be a black tie event held on March 30, 2019, the day before the station celebrates its 10th birthday where the winners of each category will be revealed.

Nominations are open now for Bro Radio's 10 Community Awards Categories:

***Teacher of the Year**, sponsored by West Quay Estates and lettings; **Young Person of the year**, sponsored by Fun Harbour Barry Island; **Volunteer of the year**, sponsored by Glamorgan Voluntary Services; **Charity of the Year**, sponsored by McDonalds Barry; **Community Event of the year,** sponsored by Barry Round Table; **Sports star of the year**, sponsored by Cariad Café Bar; **Sporting achievement of the year,** sponsored by Sully Sports and Social Club; **Bro's Good Egg Award**, sponsored by HRA Accounting; **Making a difference through Business**, sponsored by The Glamorgan GEM; **Triumph over adversity award,** sponsored by The Vale of Glamorgan Council.*

Nominations can be made online via *www.broradio.fm/communityawards*, or fill in the form on the right and return to: Nathan Spackman, Bro Radio, YMCA Barry, Court Road, Barry, CF63 4EE, or drop the completed form into a nominations point at the Civic Offices or YMCA Barry.

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Farmers' funding formula welcomed

A UK Government review on delivering fair funding for farmers has been welcomed by Bridgend councillor, Carolyn Webster, Rhys Lougher of award-winning dairy Ty Tanglwyst, and Vale MP Alun Cairns.

It was announced that an independent advisory panel will look at what factors should determine the distribution of agriculture funding between Wales, England, Scotland and Northern Ireland in this Parliament.

Cllr Webster said: "This good news for local farmers – and indeed farmers across Wales.

"It is undeniable that Brexit has led to some concerns among those at the forefront of one of our country's most important industries. It is vital that our farmers get the support they need to carry on doing the fantastic job they are doing."

Mr Lougher said: "I welcome this review. I look forward to the outcome, which I hope will put food security at the heart of Government thinking."

Each country's individual circumstances will be taken into account, including environmental, agricultural and social-economic factors, as well as farm numbers and sizes, to make sure all parts of the UK are treated fairly.

The review, led by Lord Bew of Donegore, will provide recommendations for how the annual amount of convergence funding is fairly split once the UK has left the Common Agricultural Policy. Representatives from the devolved administrations will join him on the panel.

The UK Government has also said it will not simply apply the Barnett formula to changes in Defra funding beyond this Parliament, meaning farmers in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland will not just be allocated funding according to population size.

Secretary of State for Wales, and Vale MP, Alun Cairns has also welcomed the review.

He said: "This review will establish fair funding arrangements for our vital Welsh farming industry. With the UK Government committing to do away with a Barnett model for agricultural funding, farmers in every part of Wales can look forward to greater future financial protection."

The Government has already confirmed that overall funding for UK farm support will be protected in cash terms to the end of the Parliament in 2022, providing more certainty than any other EU member state.

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If you are nervous about approaching The Inland Revenue Age Connects Cardiff and Vale run a free monthly advice session the last Monday in the month. The next will be held on Monday, October 29 at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry from 9.30am to 11.30am. No appointment is needed, just come along and talk to the retired tax professional. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

What's on - News in brief

Fireworks display

ON Monday, November 5, Maesteg Rotary Club will hold their annual fireworks display at the Maesteg rugby ground.

The gates open at 6.30pm and the display will commence at 7.30pm. Admission will be £6 per person with a family of four, £20. Under fives are free and children six to 11, £4.

The rugby club will be selling refreshments and the Rotary Club will be selling light sabres, etc.

The essential guide to what's on in your area

Royal British Legion exhibition

MAESTEG 1918 is the last of four exhibitions held by the Maesteg branch of the Royal British Legion and Maesteg Town Council, to commemorate the 434 lives lost in Maesteg and district during World War One.

Maesteg 1918 remembers the 116 men who lost their lives between March 21 and November 11. Our research follows them from a very young age: what they did before joining the colours, the regiments in which they served, medals and awards bestowed upon them, the battles in which they fought and died; their last effects left to their loved ones and where they now lie at rest or are remembered across the battle fields of the Western Front.

The exhibition is housed in the Maesteg Town Council building, open to the public between October 25 and November 15.

Opening hours are Monday to Friday 10am. to 4pm with late night opening Tuesday and Thursday 6pm to 8pm and Saturdays, 10am. to 2pm.

Valeways guided walks

ON Wednesday, October 31 at 10.30am the Coffee Shop Strollers of Barry meet at Bridge Cafe car park in Barry.

On the same day at 2.30pm, the Coffee Shop Strollers of Cowbridge will meet at the Physic Garden fountain in Cowbridge.

Also on Wednesday, October 31 at 7pm Hallowe'en 3 takes place at St Peter's Church on Mill Road, Dinas Powys.

On Thursday, November 1 the Living with Cancer Strollers will meet outside the visitor centre at Cosmeston Country Park at 10.30am.

Autumn Fair

BARGAINS, fun and early Christmas shopping are in store at the Autumn Fair on Saturday, November 3 from 10am-12 noon at St Augustine's Parish Hall, Albert Road, Penarth.

Presents, toys, jewellery, books, bric-a-brac and Christmas decorations will be on sale, as well as plenty of homemade cakes and refreshments. There will also be tombola, lucky dip and raffle.

Entry is £1(children free), including coffee and biscuits. Proceeds go Penarth and Llandough Parish funds.

Three Villages bonfire

A FUNDRAISING event for the Ogmore by Sea village hall, the Three Villages bonfire and fireworks display takes place in the Heritage Coast House field at Ogmore by Sea, CF32 0PR.

The gates open at 5pm, the fire will be lit at 6pm and the fireworks display starts around 7pm. Refreshments, glowsticks and a raffle available. Entry £10 per family of four, or £3 per person. Strictly no sparklers will be allowed on site.

Room hire

DO you run a local group or need a meeting space? KPC Youth & Community in Pyle have rooms available for rental at competitive rates – ideal if you are running a small group activity or exercise class.

Contact Alison on 01656 749219 or kpcyouth@hotmail.com, or call in to see what is available. On-site parking, disabled access and cafe available.

Penarth Civic Society

THE Society's November meeting will be a very special evening with the ever popular local historian and author Alan Thorne.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 15 at All Saints' Lesser Hall at 7.30pm and the subject of Alan's talk will be 'What Penarth Has Lost', and it is bound to prompt a great many memories for all local residents who attend. There will also be complimentary cheese and wine refreshments!

Admission is £5 for members and £7 for non-members. Prebooking is essential to ensure that we can cater for everyone, so please send your booking, with a cheque payable to Penarth Civic Society by November 13 to Penarth Civic Society c/o 1 Archer Road, Penarth CF64 3HW.

PWYLLGOR SAFONAU
PENODI AELODAU ANNIBYNNOL

Ar hyn o bryd, mae dwy sedd wag ar Pwyllgor Safonau Cyngor Bro Morgannwg i Aelodau Annibynnol. Mae hwn yn bwyllgor statudol sy'n chwarae rhan hanfodol o ran cynnal safonau moesegol uchel ar lefel Cynghorau Sirol a Chymuned. Yn fras, rôl y Pwyllgor yw rhoi cyngor, cymorth a chanllawiau i Aelodau o ran mabwysiadu, monitro, gweithredu, gorfodi ac adolygu Codau Ymddygiad lleol amrywiol, yn benodol Cod Ymddygiad Aelodau a chanllawiau moesegol eraill.

Mae'r Pwyllgor yn cwrdd rhwng pedwar a chwech gwaith y flwyddyn ac y mae ffioedd yn daladwy.

Bydd ymgeiswyr addas yn gallu profi bod y nodweddion a'r priodweddau canlynol ganddynt:

- Gwrando'n dda ond yn chwilfrydig
- Gallu pwyso a mesur tystiolaeth sy'n gwrthdaro gan ddod i ganlyniad effeithiol
- Gallu gweithio'n rhan o dîm
- Parchu eraill gyda dealltwriaeth o a pharch at werthoedd moesegol cryf
- Uniondeb a chymeriad da.

Nid yw gwybodaeth fanwl am lywodraeth leol yn angenrheidiol er y byddai'n fantais pe byddai gan ymgeiswyr posibl ddiddordeb mewn materion yn ymwneud â bywyd cyhoeddus a gwasanaethau.

I gael ffurflen gais, rhagor o wybodaeth neu drafodaeth anffurfiol, cysylltwch â Debbie Marles, Swyddog Monitro ar **01446 709402** neu e-bostiwch **dmarles@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk** Mae manylion pellach ar y rôl a ffurflen gais hefyd ar gael o **www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/CommitteeVacancies**.

Y dyddiad cau ar gyfer ceisiadau yw: 23 Tachwedd, 2018.

Bwriedir cynnal y cyfweliadau yn ystod pythefnos gyntaf Rhagfyr 2018.

Bydd disgwyl i'r ymgeisydd llwyddiannus fod yn y swydd o 13 Mawrth, 2019.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

The Vale of Glamorgan Council currently has two vacancies for Independent Members of the Standards Committee. This is a statutory Committee which plays a crucial role in maintaining high ethical standards at County and Community Council levels. The role of the Committee briefly is to advise, assist and guide Members in the adoption, monitoring, operation, enforcement and review of various local Codes of Conduct, in particular the Code of Conduct for Members and other ethical guidance.

The Committee meets between four and six times a year for which fees are payable.

Suitable applicants will need to be able to demonstrate the following qualities and characteristics:

- Good listener but inquisitive
- Ability to weigh up conflicting evidence and reach an effective conclusion
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Respect for others with an understanding of and respect for strong ethical values
- Integrity and good character.

A detailed knowledge of local government is not necessary although it would be an advantage if potential candidates were interested in matters relating to public life and services.

For an application form, or an informal discussion, please contact Debbie Marles, Monitoring Officer on **01446 709402** or email **dmarles@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.**

Further details on the role and an application form can also be found at **www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/CommitteeVacancies**.

The closing date for applications is: 23rd November, 2018.

It is intended that interviews will take place during the first two weeks of December 2018.

The successful candidate will be expected to take up their appointment from 13th March, 2019.

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Locals are honoured for their part in Thai cave rescue triumph

The cave rescue team in Thailand including members of the South and Mid Wales Cave Rescue Team.

MEMBERS of a cave rescue team who masterminded the release of a Thai football team were lauded at a recent awards ceremony.

Members of the South and Mid-Wales Cave Rescue Team (SMWRCT) played a role in the recovery of 12 boys and their coach from the bowels of Thailand's Tham Luang Nang Non cave in Chiang Rai Province this summer, following a three-week ordeal which gripped the world.

The membership of SMWRCT includes people from the Vale and Bridgend.

With some of the most highly-skilled cave rescuers in the world, the team was drafted in to support an international operation, including military personnel from Thailand, America, Australia and China.

They ended up coordinating a treacherous mission which ultimately resulted in all members of the Wild Boars soccer team and their assistant coach being reunited with their families. One Royal Thai Navy SEAL died before the final rescue.

The boys were rescued one by one with each mission taking three to four hours.

The cavers received a Platinum Award at this year's Wales Care Awards in honour of their dedication.

Two members of the team, Gary Mitchell and Dan Thorne, attended the ceremony in Cardiff to receive the award on behalf of the team.

Mr Mitchell said: "We're not a public body and we don't have a high media profile, we just get on with what we do. We mostly rescue cavers and animals.

"Cavers know about our services and how to get help, but unless there is something major in the news in which we're drafted in to help, we tend to stay out of the media spotlight."

Mind in the Vale

OLDER people in the Vale can now benefit from a free course to help improve their mental wellbeing thanks to Mind in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Mind in the Vale has launched 'My Generation', a project funded by the Welsh Government which helps people over 50 to explore tips and advice on how to deal with difficult times in their lives, such as leaving work, loneliness, money worries and bereavement.

Menna Jones from Mind in the Vale said: "Everyone can feel lonely and anxious at times, but we know that as you get older that feeling of isolation can increase.'

"With one in four people in Wales having a mental health problem at some time in their lives, we're really pleased to be offering this new service to older people in our community."

The project is running for a further six weeks and includes taster sessions of activities such as laughter therapy (delivered by Sian Roach, executive life coach), Mindfulness and relaxation, a visit from the GP referral exercise scheme and adult education tasters.

Attendees also get the chance to find out about other projects and volunteering opportunities in their areas.

Taking part is totally free of charge to attendees.

If you are over 50 and would like to get involved, contact Mind in the Vale of Glamorgan on 01446 739792. The course takes place at Castleland Communit y Centre, Belvedere Cres, Barry (CF63 4JZ) on Mondays 10.30am – 12.30pm or 1.30pm – 3.30pm.

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CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area / Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2018/01092/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed demolition of single storey mono pitched kitchen extension and construction of two storey extension to match existing in materials and design, to provide kitchen to ground floor and bathroom at first floor levels
Location:/Lleoliad: Springfield, Drope Road, St. Georges Super Ely
Conservation Area:/ ArdalGadwraeth St. Georges Super Ely

Listed Building Consent / Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2018/01071/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Installation of internally mounted secondary glazing
Location:/Lleoliad: Parish Hall, 2 Britway Road, Dinas Powys
Listed Building: /Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2018/01082/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Internal re-model and re-fit, including removal of stair and wall and re-making finished floor levels
Location:/Lleoliad: Penarth Eye Centre, 7, Windsor Road, Penarth
Listed Building: /Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest / Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2018/01108/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 80 affordable housing units, cycle bicycle store, waste store, surface level car park and associated works.
Location:/Lleoliad: Land at Subway Road, Barry

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via **http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/**
Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy **http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/**

Dated / Dyddiedig: 25 October, 2018

V. L. Robinson
Operational Manager, Regeneration and Planning,
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry.
CF63 4RT

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Rhoose playgroup receives a helping hand from Tarmac

Tarmac's Martin Scamp (right) with children from Lollipop Lane in their PPE.

A RHOOSE playgroup has had a helping hand in starting the new academic year after a donation of play equipment from Tarmac's Aberthaw Cement Plant.

Staff of Lollipop Lane, which has been running since 2014 out of Rhoose's Celtic Way Community Centre, say that the donation from Tarmac "...will boost the play activities and opportunities on offer."

Tarmac has provided the donation to the playgroup as part of its commitment to supporting areas in which it operates and those in which its staff reside.

Sophie Grinter, who established the playgroup, is thrilled with the donation received and said: "We set up the playgroup to give local people the opportunity to give their children a place to play and learn in a safe and stimulating environment. We have been running for over four years, after taking over from a previous playgroup, and are always looking to further our activities, services and opportunities on offer.

"We are a small community where money can often be stretched in some households.

"We aim to run a playgroup which is affordable but provides an excellent service with many benefits and this equipment allows us to expand our offering.

"Receiving the donation of the play equipment is fantastic. On behalf of everyone at the playgroup I'd like to extend a massive thanks to Tarmac for its support."

Kara Bennett, Tarmac Aberthaw's environmental co-ordinator, added: "We are committed to supporting charities and causes located near the cement plant and are delighted to have been able to provide the play equipment for all to enjoy.

"We are delighted that the equipment will help enrich the lives of the many local people who use the playgroup."

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HYSBYSIAD CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
GORCHYMYN CAU FFORDD DROS DRO, ADRAN 16A DEDDF RHEOLEIDDIO TRAFFIG FFYRDD 1984
TÂN GWYLLT YNYS Y BARRI
DYDD SADWRN 3 TACHWEDD 2018

RHODDIR HYSBYSIAD DRWY HYN fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wedi gwneud y gorchymyn canlynol dan Adran 16A Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984:

Yn YSTOD oriau penodol o'r dydd ac ar y dyddiad a nodir yng ngholofn 1 yr Atodlenni hyn caiff y strydoedd neu'r rhannau o'r strydoedd a nodir yng ngholofn 2 yr atodlenni eu defnyddio i gynnal digwyddiad perthnasol fel y disgrifir yn Adran 16(A) (1) Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984, mae'r Cyngor, yn unol â'r pwerau a ddyfernir iddo dan Adran 16A Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984, yn **GORCHYMYN AC YN CYFEIRIO** er mwyn hwyluso'r gwaith o gynnal y digwyddiad, galluogi'r cyhoedd i wylio'r digwyddiad hwnnw ac i leihau ar unrhyw effaith ar draffig a achosir gan y digwyddiad, gydymffurfiaeth â'r rheoliad canlynol:

GWAHERDDIR, ac eithrio i'r hyn y darperir ar ei gyfer yn y gorchymyn, y defnydd o'r strydoedd neu'r rhannau o'r strydoedd a nodir yn Ngholofn 1 i'r holl draffig cerbydau, gan gynnwys beiciau pedal, ac eithrio Cerbydau'r Gwasanaethau Brys a Gwylwyr y Glannau, rhwng yr oriau a nodir yng ngholofn 3. Y gosb am anghydffurfio â'r rheoliad hwn yw dirwy na fydd yn uwch na £1000.00.

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Colofn 1	Colofn 2	Column 3
Dydd Sadwrn 3 Tachwedd 2018	**Paget Road**, rhwng Harbour Road a'i ffordd bengaead yn agos at orsaf yr achubwyr bywyd, gan gynnwys y darn o ffordd heb enw sy'n gyfagos at rif 10 Paget Road (ac eithrio'r lôn).	5.00pm-10.00pm
	Friars Road, rhwng y gyffordd â Station Approach Road a Paget Road,	5.00pm-10.00pm
	Station Approach Road, rhwng y gyffordd â Paget Road a'r gyffordd â Station Approach Road,	6.00pm-10.00pm
	Paget Road, rhwng y gyffordd â Plymouth Road a'r gyffordd â Clive Road.	7.45pm - 10.00pm

Bydd Arwyddion i'r Gwyriad yn cael eu gosod
Bydd mynediad i gerddwyr trwy'r amser.

Dyddiedig 25 Hydref 2018

Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg
Yr Alpau Gwenfô CF5 6AA

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
BARRY ISLAND - FIREWORKS
SATURDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedules hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedules will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulations shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof listed in Column 1 shall be closed to all vehicular traffic including pedal cycles with the exception of Emergency Services and Coastguard vehicles between the hours specified in column 3. The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00.

Schedule 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Saturday 3rd November 2018	**Paget Road**, between Harbour Road and its cul-de-sac end near the lifeguard station, including the un-named section of road adjacent to the side of number 10 Paget Road (excluding the lane).	5.00pm-10.00pm
	Friars Road, between its junction with Station Approach Road and Paget Road,	5.00pm-10.00pm
	Station Approach Road, between its junction with Paget Road and its junction with Station Approach Road,	6.00pm-10.00pm
	Paget Road, between its junction with Plymouth Road and its junction with Clive Road.	7.45pm - 10.00pm

Local signed diversions shall be in place.
Access for Pedestrians shall be maintained.

Dated this 25th day of October 2018

Director of Environment & Housing,
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA

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Entertainment announced for fireworks display in Barry

THIS year's Barry Island Fireworks Fiesta will have two new additions to help keep the public entertained in the build up to the Fireworks at 7.45pm.

The Barry Island Fireworks Fiesta is organised by Barry Rotary Club, but this year alongside Barry Town Council and the Vale Council they have invited Barry Round Table to add a new element to the event.

Members of the public are invited down to the Island from 4pm to enjoy family friendly street entertainment from Simon Sparkles and Jasper Blakely, with unsupervised play activities provided by the Vale Council's Sports & Play team.

There will be live music on the Island Gardens from 4pm compered by Bro Radio with local musicians Ben Elliot, Lucy Atkins, Atiya, Ben Dain-Smith, Jack Raymond and The Scoundrels, with Billboard Ensemble providing a sneak peek at this year's production of Beauty and The Beast.

Live music will continue up to the Fireworks at 7.45pm and continue after with The Scoundrels on stage until 9.30pm, giving locals even more reason to stay after the final firework.

Barry Round Table chairman Barrie Dyer said: "It's a privilege for us to be able to support Barry Rotary Club in growing an already established and well received local event."

"We hope that by adding live music and street entertainment to the event this year, that locals and tourists will arrive early and stick around after the event, with the aim of helping reduce traffic delays off the Island and support the traders who have been vital to the event over the years."

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Barry Yacht Club celebrates its 90th anniversary

ON October 14, the 90th anniversary of Barry Yacht Club's foundation was celebrated by more than 100 past and present members of the club.

On October 17, 1928, the club was founded following an advertisement in a local newspaper asking for people to attend a meeting if they were interested in sailing and soon afterwards, Barry Yacht and Motor Boat Club was formed.

One of the main intentions of the 90th anniversary event was to encourage the attendance of as many of the former commodores of the club as possible. A total of 20 past officers attended and were welcomed by the present commodore, Keith Lewis.

Also present was the vice commodore Jennifer Haig-Harrison, together with president, Brian Dotchon, and vice presidents Mike Righton and Roger Donkin.

After an address by Keith Lewis welcoming the guests and members, Brian Dotchon recalled the history of the club from its inception.

Mr Dotchon concluded his address by saying he was very optimistic about the future of the club and hoped even more local people would be keen to join in its activities.

BJD

Members of Barry Yacht Club celebrated the club's 90th birthday recently. IMAGES by KAREN DONKIN

Past Commodores of Barry Yacht Club: Back row – David Jenkins, Ian Jones, Derek Gorringe, Roger Donkin, Joe Frearson, John Wilson and Phil Rowlands. Middle row – Brian Dotchon, Ian Aitken, Howard Lavis, Bob Bowen, Roy Beaumont, Len Cattle, John Webb, Fred Batten and Ray Brown. Seated – Roger Fuller, David Lougher, Keith Lewis (Commodore), Mike Righton and Mike Bailey.

WI makes donations

AT the recent meeting of Highlight Park WI, three representatives took £500 cheques to each of their charities.

Coastal Watersports Trust and National Coastwatch Institution recently gave a presentation of their work to members.

Rev Jan Gould from the Church of the Resurrection in Ely came to the meeting to explain how WI money could help children enrich their lives and spare time with music.

Rev Gould, Chris Bastin from Ocean Watersports Trust and Alan Morgan from the National Coastwatch Institution at Nell's Point received their cheques at the meeting.

Members from the group visited Malvern recently for the annual show where a good day was had by all.

The theatre club went to the Memo in Barry recently to watch Cliff Richard celebrate his birthday with a concert streamed as a live show.

Old favourites and new had members spellbound.

Alan Badminton gave an interesting and humorous talk at the October meeting on 'How old do you think you are?'

The talk was full of humorous observations and recommendations on dealing with and managing the ageing process.

Birthdays were read out with nine members celebrating.

A display of poppies have been put up on the far wall of the hall, all handmade by the WI craft ladies who meet every Thursday afternoon. The display is for Remembrance Day on November 11.

Coming up for the late autumn season are various meetings, trips, lunches out and after Christmas, the New Year lunch at Wenvoe Golf Club.

DB

Play at Bethel Baptist Church

BETHEL Baptist Church is hosting a performance of *The God Particle*, on Saturday, October 27 at 7pm.

A light-hearted but serious-minded play about faith, evidence, science and the importance of keeping an open mind, the play is a bit like *The Vicar of Dibley* meets *Dr Who*.

Tickets (£10) are available from the church office, Durell Street, Llantwit Major CF61 1AD; call 01446 792348; email: *bethel.llantwit@gmail.com* or visit *www.wegottickets.com/event/446358*

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO) (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 4) 2018

1. Ar 24 Hydref 2018 gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984, a Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, Orchymyn i osod y cyfyngiadau parcio a nodir yn atodlenni 1 a 2 a diddymu'r gwaharddiad parcio a nodir yn isod.

2. Bydd y Gorchymyn yn dod i rym ar 29 Hydref 2018 neu ar y dyddiadau ymae'r arwyddion a'r marciau ffordd yn eu lle ac yn cael eu gwaredu, p'un bynnag sydd hwyraf ac fe'i gelwir yn "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Mannau Parcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) (Diwygiad) (Rhif 4) 2018"

3. Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn a chynlluniau sy'n dangos yr ardaloedd yr effeithir arnynt yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

4. Os dymunwch gwestiynu dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu unrhyw ddarpariaethau ynddo ar y sail nad ydynt yn unol â'r pwerau a ddyfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail na chydymffurfiwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn chwe wythnos o 29 Hydref 2018, wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys at y diben hwn.

Diwygir y Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig canlynol fel a ganlyn: Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) 2013

ATODLEN 1

Cynnig Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg

Clevedon Avenue, Sili (Map AW60)

Ar y ddwy ochr o'r gyffordd â South Road tua'r de am 20 metr.

Grove Terrace, Penarth (Map AK64)

Ar ochr y gorllewin, o bwynt ar ffin eiddo rhif 15 a 16 tua'r de-orllewin am 30 metr.

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain, o'r gyffordd â Grove Place tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 15 metr.

Ar ochr y dwyrain, o'r gyffordd â Grove Place tua'r de am 20 metr.

Grove Terrace, Penarth (Map AK64)

Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin, o'r gyffordd â Grove Terrace tua'r gogledd-ddwyrainam 15 metr.

Ar ochr y de-ddwyrain, o'r gyffordd â Grove Terrace tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am 10 metr.

Victoria Road, Penarth (Map AM64)

Ar gornel y de-ddwyrain o gyffordd Victoria Road/Archer Road, o'r gyffordd ag Archer Road tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am 10 metr.

Sgwâr Plassey (Gorllewin), Penarth (Map AJ64)

Ar ddwy ochr y ffordd o'r gyffordd â Plassey Road tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am 10 metr.

Sgwâr Plassey (Dwyrain), Penarth (Map AJ64)

Ar ddwy ochr y ffordd o'r gyffordd â Plassey Road tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am 10 metr.

ATODLEN 2

Cynnig Dim Llwytho na Dadlwytho ar Unrhyw Adeg

T -Newydd Road, y Barri (Map AT51)

Ar ochr y de-orllewin, o bwynt 15 metr i'r de-ddwyrain o ffin ogledd-orllewinol

Ysgol Iau Gatholig Santes Helen tua'r de-orllewin am am 7 metr.

Dyddiedig 25 Hydref 2018

Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 4) ORDER 2018

1. On the 24th October 2018 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order to install the parking restrictions specified in schedules 1 and 2 below.

2. The Order will come into operation on 29th October 2018 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are installed and removed whichever is the later and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) (No 4) Order 2018"

3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 29th October 2018 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE 1

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time

Clevedon Avenue Sully (Map AW60)

On both sides from its junction with South Road in a southerly direction for a Distance of 20 metres.

Grove Terrace Penarth (Map AK64)

On the western side, from a point on the boundary of properties no's 15 and 16 in south-westerly direction for a distance of 30 metres.

On the north-easterly side, from its junction with Grove Place in a north-westerly direction for a distance of 15 metres.

On the eastern side, from its junction with Grove Place in a southerly direction for a distance of 20 metres.

Grove Place Penarth (Map AK64)

On the north-western side, from its junction with Grove Terrace in a north-easterly direction for a distance 15 metres.

On the south-eastern side, from its junction with Grove Terrace in a north-easterly direction for a distance of 10 metres.

Victoria Road Penarth (Map AM64)

On the south-eastern corner of the junction of Victoria Road/Archer Road, from its junction with Archer Road in a north-easterly direction for a distance of 10 metres.

Plassey Square (West) Penarth (Map AJ64)

On both sides of the road from its junction with Plassey Road in a north-easterly direction for a distance of 10 metres.

Plassey Square (East) Penarth (Map AJ64)

On both sides of the road from its junction with Plassey Road in a north-easterly direction for a distance of 10 metres.

SCHEDULE 2

Proposed No Loading and Unloading at Any Time

Ty-Newydd Road Barry (Map AT51)

On the south-western side of the road from a point 15 metres south east of the north-western boundary of St Helens RC Junior School in a south-westerly direction for a distance of 7 metres.

Dated this 25th day of October 2018.

Director of Environment & Housing

Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe CF5 6AA

Vale Youth Mayor elected

Ben Lloyd and Nikita Harrhy are congratulated by Cllr John Thomas and Cllr Leighton Rowlands.

THIS year, the Vale had three youth cabinet members standing to be the 'Youth Mayor of the Vale' – Nikita Harrhy, Ben Lloyd and Sana Malik.

Following an election councillors congratulated Ben Lloyd, who will be the youth mayor 2018-19 and Nikita Harrhy, who will be deputy youth mayor.

The Leader of the Vale Council, Cllr John Thomas, said: "All three candidates had excellent manifestos ranging from improving recycling in schools, introducing more accessible work experience schemes and listening to the views of young people.

"I would like to thank the three candidates for supporting the elections during Local Democracy Week and encouraging their schools to support the campaign, as well as encouraging their peers to vote."

Elections were held in a variety of locations last week including schools, training providers, youth clubs and youth organisations. In total 5,575 young people voted (4,766 people voted last year).

Vale Mayor Leighton Rowlands added: "Well done to all the candidates for standing. It not easy putting yourself up for election, especially as a young person.

"I look forward to working with Ben and Nikita during my term of office, and look forward to their fresh ideas."

Group's fish and chip lunch

FRIENDS and Neighbours members had a fish and chip lunch at Beryl Road Pioneer Hall last week.

The hall was packed with over 60 members enjoying the fish and chips from the local chip shop. Members then enjoyed entertainment from 24 members of Cowbridge Male Voice Choir. The choir was funny, versatile and provided an excellent repertoire of Welsh, Scottish, and English songs.

A vote of thanks was given to the choir which was well applauded by the members. The choir were invited to come again, and members are now looking forward to their trip to Gloucester Quays Christmas market.

Gay thanked the volunteers for all their help with preparations for the afternoon.

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Among the local art projects in recent years has been the 'Friendship Bench' overlooking the Knap 2018.

What art project could brighten up Barry?

DO you think Barry could be a brighter more colourful town?

That's a question local artist Glyn Pooley of Art4UWales has posed.

Mr Pooley is interested in whether local people have ideas about what sort of art projects would lift the local environment.

He said: "Our first community-orientated work was way back in 1991 at Barry Youth Centre although Art4U as a formed concept began in 2009.

"Barry was seriously lacking creative platforms, particularly for the visual arts, when I began, so the emphasis has always been on creating space in our community for creative freedom.

"Where would readers like to see more colour and a new art project? Perhaps, Art4U could help make it a reality."

Mr Pooley has been responsible for many projects in Barry, and any suggestions can be sent to *glyn@art4uwales.org.uk*

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Choir ready for annual concert

ONCE again, as in previous years, Allegro – Penarth Voices in Harmony are rehearsing hard in readiness for their annual concert on Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23, at the Paget Rooms, Penarth.

The evening, which has been put together by their musical director, Raymond Dibble MBE, and will provide some popular numbers from the musicals.

This year there will be a special tribute to the centenary of the end of World War One, with a lovely number composed and written by the Welsh composer Ivor Novello.

The talented David G Harrington will accompany the choir with his usual flair and expertise.

Two special guests from the Welsh College of Music and Drama will also entertain, and Mark Thompson will keep the whole show flowing.

Tickets are selling well with only a few seats left for November 22 and November 23 sold out.

Tickets can be purchased from any member of the choir or Ray Dibble on 029 20217681.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Advice surgery

RESIDENTS are invited to attend the regular Plaid Cymru advice surgery on Saturday, November 3 between 11am and 12 noon at the Community Room, County Library, King Square, Barry with any local issues they may have.

Plaid Cymru Councillors Ian Johnson, Millie Collins, Mark Hooper, Nic Hodges, Shirley Hodges and Steffan Wiliam will be in attendance.

Family fun

ON Thursday, November 1, Cardiff-based children's author PG Bell will be talking about his new book *The Train to Impossible Places* in an interactive session aimed at ages 6-12 (younger siblings also welcome).

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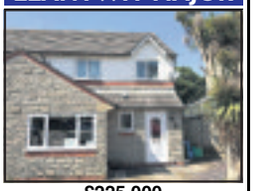
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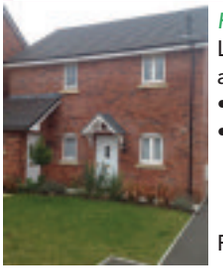

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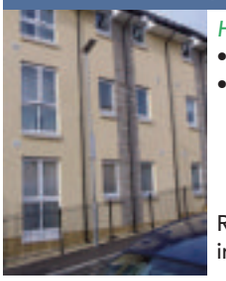

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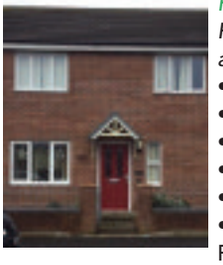

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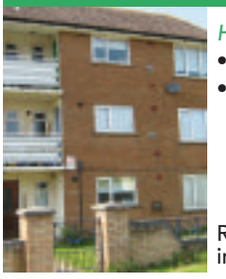

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Bridgend Sports RFC mini and junior rugby round-up

IT was another full programme of action for the Bridgend Sports RFC mini and juniors this week with some tough games thrown into the mix.

Newbridge Fields was a hub of activity and it was great to see every player who turned up for the Sports get on the field of play to enjoy game time – so important for the long-term sustainability of the game.

With all age groups in action again this week the club is certainly growing and the club's values of being inclusive and putting young people at the forefront of everything the club does will continue to serve both the club and the game well.

The under-7s travelled to Pencoed to play a round-robin with Pencoed and Llanharan. The Sports had a large squad and therefore split into two teams, as did Llanharan.

Both Sports sides played three games with running rugby the order of the day. There were some close games, but the Sports managed to win all six of their matches.

Eli McCauslan made a great try-scoring debut and there were also six tries from Cian Elward and five each from Dion Williams and Isaac Davies.

Several other players also scored. Isaac Dando was deserved man of the match for being a true team player and for his consistent performance.

The team is certainly growing, and everyone involved is enjoying their rugby.

Pencoed also hosted the Sports and Llanharan under-8s squads.

The Sports again split their squad and played three games against Llanharan. It was a great morning of rugby with Llanharan winning one game and the Sports two: Bridgend Sports Blue 11, Llanharan 10; Bridgend Sports Blue 2, Llanharan 7; Bridgend Sports Red 5, Llanharan 4.

Sports' top try scorer with a solid all-round performance was Leo D'Adamo.

ABOVE: The under-12s in action.

He scored four tries and bagged seven tags. Power house Matthew Griffiths was top tagger with 13.

The Sports' try-scorers were Leo D'Adamo (4), Ellis Kendall (2), Ollie Balmer (2), Mikey Heanue (2), Gethin Robert (2), Archie Hall, Matthew Griffiths, Rhydian Cronin, Seb Stowe, Blair and Charlie Hearing.

The under-9s followed the two younger teams to Pencoed and found themselves in a round-robin. They delivered another proud performance, losing out to the hosts overall 45-20.

However, undeterred the Sports finished the victors over Llanharan, 50-25.

In the first game Pencoed made good use of the wide ball, catching the Sports out to cross the try line.

The Sports put in an improved defensive performance to turn defence into attack with some straight running to create gaps.

This was also added to with some fantastic offloads and quicker ball recovery from the tackle area. Pleasingly, every player became involved and contributed to a stellar team performance.

AJ Crawley was tackler of the week, while some straight driving runs saw Ellis Morgan secure the star player of the week.

Sports' try scorers were Rafferty Williams (2), Max Hearing (2), Dan Perriman (5), Thomas Roberts (2), Louis Payne, Kayden Jones and Sam Heycock.

The under-10s returned to form with a fine performance as they defeated Tondu by 50-20 at the Bandstand.

The under-11s did not follow the example of the under-10s as they went down to a crack Tondu side who dominated the first half as they ran in six tries without response.

Tondu were certainly hungry for the win. To their credit, Sports responded in the second half to outscore Tondu by two tries to one but they could not overturn that large first half deficit.

Sports try scorers were Finley Goodwin and Chloe Roblin. Finley was also the star player of the week for his outstanding rucking and counter rucking.

In another tough encounter against a good physical Tondu team, the under-12s did well to secure a 14-0 win.

In a marked contrast to the game of the previous week the Sports failed to dominate the ruck area which then stifled their back play, despite their overall dominance of possession and territory.

In a very tight game which was scoreless at half-time, it took an excellent break down the touchline from Ben Evans to break the deadlock.

The Sports' second try was scored by Toby Atkins, following good ball carrying by Gruff supported by the pack. Both tries were converted by Sam Gardner.

It was a tough day in the derby against neighbours Bridgend Athletic as the Sports under-13s lost their unbeaten record to their neighbours.

It was always going to be a hard encounter and while the Sports enjoyed most of the territory in the opening 15 minutes, they could not make it count.

They paid the price as they allowed the Athletic to dominate the ruck area and then create space for Rhys Hockings to run in six tries.

The Sports, however, stuck to their values and made sure every one of their squad of 22 had the opportunity to enjoy game time.

Conor Jones replied for the Sports early in the second half.

Overall, the game will be of enormous value as the Sports continue to build a squad that has great spirit, respect for people and a sense of community both on and off the field.

The under-15s came up against Pontrhydyfen and competed well against a very strong and physical side.

They went in 5-26 down at half-time with a single try for Archie Faulkner-Lerway but the second half was much closer, with the Sports just about pipping it with a strong defensive performance and two great tries from Mac Francis and a conversion from Charlie Tomalin Reeves.

Sports' captain Will Price was their man of the match.

Final score 19-36.

SP

Matthew racks Athletic century

ON Saturday, October 20, against Porth Harlequins, prop Matthew Norman became the latest player to feature in 100 senior games for Bridgend Athletic RFC.

He has played 91 of those games for the first XV and nine for the second XV. Matthew is a prop forward with a flanker's mobility around the field.

A very useful asset in a team looking to play expansive rugby. He has scored seven senior tries, a good percentage of seven per cent for a prop forward.

Matthew's association with the Athletic started in the under-12s junior section carrying on through the age groups and captaining the under-16s. He also represented Wales at under-13-15 age groups at rugby league.

In his first season in youth he played alongside Rhys Webb and Welsh youth cap Jonathan Jones in the side that won the Webb Ellis Welsh Youth Cup at Aberavon RFC in 2007.

Matthew then played alongside current first XV squad players Nathan Holman, Aled Thomas and current club captain Ben Howe in the 2008-2009 Athletic youth side captained by Ben Howe.

This is the only Athletic youth side to record a Welsh League and Webb Ellis Welsh Youth Cup double, defeating Merthyr in the league and Whitland in the respective cup finals, both at the Millenium Stadium.

Matthew Norman (carrying the ball) in action against Resolven. PICTURE BY JON CANON.

Others in the squad that season included Matthew Morgan, Tom Habberfield, Lloyd Evans, Luke Morgan, Lloyd Ashley (Peers), Rhodri Apsee, Lewis Davies, Michael Hathaway, Luke Yardley, Tom Morgan and Rhys Ward Jones.

What a squad the Ath could field today if they were a semi- or fully-professional team. During his youth years Matthew also captained Brynteg School's first XV.

Following that excellent youth season Matthew played two full seasons, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011, making 41 first XV Athletic appearances before going to Premiership side Swansea.

He played 37 games for Swanse, scoring two tries. While at Swansea he represented the Welsh Crawshays XV in a win against Cambridge University.

Despite a season of 23 games in 2013-2014, it wasn't until last season 2017-2018 we saw Matthew fully back in Athletic colours.

In between he had a short spell at Tata Steel before taking a rugby break while joining the Fire Service, who he has represented at rugby for both the Welsh and British Fire Service teams.

Unfortunately, the 2017-2018 season, when the Athletic finished third in Division One West Central, was curtailed for Matthew after suffering a badly-broken ankle during a 40-14 win against Kenfig Hill.

He has eased himself back into action with two second XV games this season, before returning to first XV action for his century of Athletic senior games against Porth Harlequins.

The Athletic hope Matthew's experience and expertise will help them regain Championship status in the next few seasons.

AB

Patrick Jourdain Teams competition 2018 winners: Simon Richards (top left), Eric Cummings, Debbie Richards (left) and Ceri Pierce.

Bridgend Bridge Club latest news

Patrick Jourdain Teams competition 2018 second place: Linda Pinnock, Bill Turner, John Evans and Steve Burgoyne.

BRIDGEND Bridge Club members were remarkably successful in the Patrick Jourdain Teams competition on Sunday, October 14.

The winners were Simon and Debbie Richards from Bridgend with Ceri Pierce and Eric Cummings from Somerset.

An all-Bridgend team of Linda Pinnock, Bill Turner, John Evans and Steve Burgoyne were in second place.

In third place were Bridgend members Kevin Maddox, Tony Haworth and Mike Best with Mark Roderick from Barrivale Bridge Club.

The latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

The teams competition was completed on Wednesday, October 17: First, Tony Disley and Kevin Maddox, and Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; second, Steve Burgoyne and John Evans, and Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner; third, David Bowen and David Crompton, and Geoff Barnes and Alan Heath.

On Thursday, October 18: First, Peter Rowley and Stuart Davies; second, Maggie and Richard Ashpole; third, Leila O'Hagan and Diane Reynolds. The winners on handicap were Maggie and Richard Ashpole.

On Friday, October 19: First, Dave Reed and Jim Hume; equal second Irene Thomas and Glyn Williams, and Dave and Debbie Lea. The winners on handicap were Dave Reed and Jim Hume.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall.

Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start, it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

A new course of bridge lessons have started on Monday afternoons at Nolton Church Hall from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and it's not too late to join the course.

For more information, please contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or email Steve at steve@steveburgoyne.plus.com

GJ

Saints exit the cup

BARRY Cup holders St Athan crashed out at the first hurdle as Division One Cogan came back from two goals down as the Premier Division side capitulated.

Craig Howells had put Saints in a commanding 2-0 lead but Cogan rallied to peg the away side back and a controversial penalty sealed the upset.

Youngster Coree Roberts was enjoying a flourishing half of football and teed up the opening goal.

Howells latched onto a Roberts flick and left two defenders in his wake before curling a left-footed shot into the top corner.

St Athan finally doubled their lead in the second half as marauding reluctant full back Leigh Lewis delivered an exquisite cross for Howells to side-foot home.

Cogan came quickly back though and threw caution to the wind; a long shot deflected right into the path of the home forward who calmly rounded the keeper to slot in and give Cogan a way back.

Cogan were soon level when a free kick was directed into the net by a looping header that dipped under the crossbar.

Then came the controversy, as a shot was fired from outside the area to strike a Saints defender.

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Suddenly on the 16th October, Shane, aged 51 years of Boverton. Cherished son to Adele, loving brother to Nicola and Jamie. Much loved uncle to Tom.

He will be sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major on Thursday, 1st November 2018 at 1.15pm, afterwards to Coychurch Crematorium at 2.45pm. Flowers and donations welcome in Shane's memory; donations to Velindre Cancer Centre, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 2TL.

PHILLIPS
June Margaret
(*née Steele*)

Sadly passed away at home on Sunday, 7th October, a life long resident of Barry Island. June, beloved wife of the late Ron, a much loved mother to Angela, Andrew and the late Stephen. Loving mother in law to Hilary, adored grandmother to Simon, Rebekah, Abigail and Kate and a proud great grandmother. Sister to Jackie and the late Kay and sister in law to Bob.

June will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Thursday, 1st November service 11am at St Baruc's Church, Phyllis Street, Barry Island, CF62 5UU, followed by interment at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery at 12 noon.

Family flowers only by request, donations if desired may be sent to the Dogs Trust c/o the funeral director. Traditional funeral attire to be worn by request of the family.

DAVIES
Olive

Peacefully on the 16th October at Milsom House Residential Home, Olive, aged 95 years. Beloved wife of the late Cyril, loving mum of Susan, cherished Nan (Dar) of Rachel, Andy, David, Sarah, Luke, Bethan, Hannah and Caitlin.

Olive will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday, 2nd November, service and cremation 2.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend.

LIXTON
Leslie George

Les died unexpectedly on Saturday afternoon on 13th October 2018, aged 83, at the University Hospital of Wales. Beloved husband of Cynthia, a loved father of Susan and Anthony, grandad to Rachel, Jenna, Mark and Chris. Great grandfather to Christian, Isabelle, Morgan, Erin, Lucca, Lewis and expected twins.

Resting at A.G Adams Funeralcare, Barry, until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium Barry on Wednesday, 31st October at 1pm.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the British Heart Foundation.

LIXTON
Leslie George

Ann and Fred Dee are very saddened by the sudden and unexpected death on 13th October 2018 of their much loved and respected brother-in-law, Les.

He was a lovely man and will be greatly missed.

God bless you, Les xx

MORRIS
Marian

16.09.53 - 10.10.18

It is with great sadness we have to announce the passing of Marian Morris.

Marian passed away in hospital after an accident at home in West Kirby where she recently relocated with her husband, Neil Morris.

Marian was a much loved wife of Neil and mother to four children, Daniel, Paul, James and Natalie and grandmother to, Rhys, Olivia, Finley and Evan. Marian spent the last 17 years living in Llantwit Major and made many friends whilst walking her dog Teddy.

In Memory

McLEAN
Richard

26.10.68 – 10.01.15

50th Birthday Memories

Dearly loved and sadly missed every day.

Love Mum, Dad, family and friends *xxx*

WILLIAMS
Duane (Mole)

Memories of you won't fade away,
You're loved and thought of everyday.

Love Mum, Dad, Hayley & Tony, Brian & Allison xx

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Swimming club in action

IT has been another busy few weeks for Barry Amateur Swimming Club.

On September 21 and 28 we held our annual 800 metres sponsored swim.

Many of our members were able to take part, each having to swim 32 lengths of the pool as fast as possible in their respective age groups.

In the 8 and under age group the cups were won by Bryony Boyce and Cameron Martin.

A recent new member to the club, Elizabeth Filise, who is only seven-years-old, also competed and came a credible second.

There was a large entry in the 10 and under age group with Abbie Duroe and Harrison Martin proving to be the winners; Harrison once again recorded an excellent time for this age group.

In the 12 and under age section there was also an increase in entrants with Ruby Dickson Davies and Riley Dos Santos winning trophies.

Two members in this age group improved their times by six minutes over last year, Sebastian Fidler and Alfie Sargeant.

Nia Thomas and Harry Townsend won the 14 and under trophies while Pia Sully and Iestyn Perkins were the winners in the 16 and under category.

On Sunday, October 14, the club hosted the annual Ray Sutton Gala with teams from Cwmbran, Pontypridd, Rhondda and RCT attending.

Due to a recent influx of new members Barry were able to enter an A and B team. This gave many of our new members an opportunity to compete in their first Gala in what proved to be an excited and noisy environment.

The eventual winners were the RCT team who were presented the trophy by Heulwen Cooper, our chairperson.

Although not in the top three places, the competition between Barry and Cwmbran was tight with Cwmbran beating Barry into fourth place by a single point.

The gala would not have been possible without the continued support of the club members and their families, participating officials and the staff of Barry Leisure Centre.

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Kear reveals 25-man squad for autumn internationals

WALES head coach John Kear has named a 25-man squad for the European Championship and 2021 Rugby League World Cup qualifiers.

The Dragons will take on France, Scotland and Ireland this autumn as they aim to book their place in the next World Cup at the first time of asking.

Elliot Kear will captain Wales during the tournament and 11 other members of the 2017 World Cup squad will again be involved.

Josh Ralph, who spent the 2018 season with Queensland Cup side Easts Tigers and played a key part in them making it to the Grand Final, will fly over from Australia.

Widnes Vikings' Gil Dudson and Lloyd White, who were both missing for the World Cup, will be in the frame for a return, as will Halifax's Dan Fleming and West Wales Raiders' Morgan Evans.

There are nine uncapped players. West Brisbane Panthers' James Olds, the brother of international halfback Ollie, will link up with the squad.

Twins Connor and Curtis Davies, Sion Jones and Elliot Jenkins, who have all represented Wales at various levels, will also be pushing for appearances in the senior side.

Coventry Bears' Chris Vitalini, Rhys Gant, James Mason and Liam Rice-Wilson are the other players yet to earn a cap.

Wales head coach John Kear said: "There's a lot at stake in this year's internationals and we're all looking forward to the challenge.

"We have a good mix of youth and experience in our squad and it's really encouraging to see lots of the up-and-coming talent progressing through to the senior team.

"17 of the players in this squad are Welsh-born and that's something we're very proud of.

"We have three tough matches coming up against France, Scotland and Ireland, but we want to put in solid performances in each of them and give ourselves the best chance possible of qualifying for the World Cup."

Squad: Dalton Grant (Bradford Bulls), Rhys Gant, James Mason, Liam Rice-Wilson, Chris Vitalini (all Coventry Bears), Josh Ralph (Easts Tigers), Chester Butler, Connor Davies, Curtis Davies, Dan Fleming, Sion Jones (all Halifax), Ben Evans, Elliot Kear, Rhys Williams (all London Broncos), Elliot Jenkins (Rochdale Hornets), Gavin Bennion (Salford Red Devils), Ben Morris (St Helens), Rhodri Lloyd (Swinton Lions), Jake Emmitt (Toronto Wolfpack), Courtney Davies (unattached), James Olds (West Brisbane Panthers), Morgan Evans, Steve Parry (both West Wales Raiders), Gil Dudson, Lloyd White (both Widnes Vikings).

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Penarth bowlers on tour

Pictured above are some of the 63 Penarth Windsor bowlers on their recent tour to Spain, looking resplendent in their tour shirts, which were sponsored by Cabs64 of Penarth.

Artemis, *and a slogan that says it all: 'Capability, not disability'.*

New Vale sailing trust looks at ability, not disability

CELTIC Capability Sailing held a successful launch event in Pier 64 this week.

The new sailing trust was founded by Wendy Hopkins after her son had a serious accident in 2016 that ended his professional sailing career.

She brought a team together to create the trust that aims to provide sailing experiences for all, but reaches out in particular to young people who are disabled or disadvantaged.

Celtic Capability Sailing offers sailing experiences at Barry Waterfront. Groups are able to book a sailing session for just £10 per person, with safety equipment and instruction provided. The trust currently sails in a stable keelboat but has plans to buy another boat and extend activities to rowing and even boat building in the future.

Tom Hopkins, whose experience inspired the new trust, boarded a boat again this summer for the first time after his accident.

He said: "I thoroughly enjoyed my sail. It's so nice to get back on the water. I never thought I'd be able to do this again, but here I am."

At the launch event, the Celtic Capability Sailing team introduced the project to distinguished guests, supporters and organisations representing disadvantaged and disabled young people. Guests were able to see the trust's 20-foot sailing boat *Artemis* close up.

Guests heard that the boat was bought following a generous £20,000 donation to the trust, but further fundraising will be necessary to realise future plans.

David Jenkins, founding director said: "We are so grateful for the generous support we have received to date. We are working to grow the project and reach out to as many disadvantaged and disabled young people as possible. We are building links with other sailing organisations to enable the young people who sail with us to develop their new skills in other settings too, if they wish."

For more information on the trust, visit www.capabilitysailing.co.uk.

Vale bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for October 22:

1st Simon & Debbie Richards 63.26 per cent, 2nd Glyn Williams & Vida Halford 58.52 per cent, 3rd Linda Pinnock & Marjorie Morris 57.85 per cent.

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Vets put on good show against Newport

BARRY Vets FC travelled to sunny Newport with a full squad and much optimism.

Their recent good form sees them unbeaten in both the over-50s and over-55s leagues.

Barry started strongly and should have scored through Morgan, although the small pitch, (unusually) wayward passing and a stubborn rearguard (marshalled by the excellent Jordan), enabled Newport to frustrate their visitors and subsequently create chances of their own on the break.

Newport missed two golden opportunities as Thomas could only hit the post and Tadman inexplicably screwed wide when an otherwise impeccable Mark Jones let him in!

Barry were soon back on the offensive and the reliable right foot of Staddon calmed the nerves with an excellent strike from the edge of the box to take the visitors into the break 1-0 to the good.

In the second half Barry brought on talisman Bobbett who made an immediate impact and his jinking run ended with a low strike into the corner.

Barry were now in the ascendancy with Jones, Welsh, Blackie and Hill marshalling assuredly at the back. Huish struck a fine volley into the top corner and then, moments later, the oldest man on show, Lennon, fluffed his lines after a mazy run.

Gavin Price sealed victory with a pacy run and shot which evaded home keeper Sully and Barry ran out comfortable 4-0 winners.

A competitive match with good football played on both sides in beautiful conditions - what could be better.

Barry Vets' next game is against Mathern. Visit: clubwebsite.co.uk/barryvetsfc for more information.

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Evan is *Still Believing*

***STILL Believing*, a 10-year-old chesnut mare, trained by Llancarfan's Evan Williams and ridden by stable jockey Adam Wedge, won the opening Savona FoodService Handicap Chase at Exeter last Tuesday (October 23).**

There were only three runners and backed from 11-4 to 7-4, *Still Believing*, who is also a useful handicap hurdler, beat the favourite *Beau Du Brizais*, trained by Philip Hobbs, to land the £10,072 first prize.

BRIAN LEE

Cardiff Blues stars Josh Navidi, Rhys Gill and Lloyd Williams.

Blues join forces with Christ College

WELSH rugby team, Cardiff Blues, has joined forces with Christ College Brecon to offer aspiring rugby players a first-class education at the renowned sporting and academic institution.

The partnership, which was launched earlier this month, will see the two organisations work in collaboration to enhance educational opportunities while improving the college's rugby programme.

It comes as part of the school's ambitious investment plan, which includes the expansion of its fitness gym, strength and conditioning coaching and investment in performance analysis equipment.

Cardiff Blues commercial manager, Chris Allen said: "We are obviously thrilled to be working with such a well-respected college to give aspiring players within our academy further educational opportunities.

"They have a great set-up in Brecon and some superb facilities and we will be lending our expertise to improve what is already a very impressive rugby programme.

"We will also be hosting community camps and other events at Christ College Brecon and look forward to developing a strong and mutually beneficial relationship."

Rugby has been a fundamental component of life at the college with several internationals among their Old Breconian alumni.

Their rugby programme is headed by former Neath, Bridgend, London Welsh and Cambridge University Blue, James Reynolds and includes Cardiff Blues Academy coach Gareth Nicholas.

Gareth Pearson, head of Christ College Brecon, said: "I am really excited by this new collaboration, and feel very lucky to count such an established club as the Cardiff Blues as one of our partners. We are committed to helping retain rugby talent in Wales.

"Rugby is a precarious career so it is important that those with rugby aspirations safeguard their future by working hard to achieve the best possible academic results they can. At Christ College Brecon we are perfectly placed to support both their rugby and academic aspirations."

James Reynolds, Director of Rugby at Christ College, added: "I am delighted to be working alongside someone as passionate and experienced as Gareth Nicholas and have no doubt that his wealth of coaching experience will bring further success to the school team that already has a distinguished heritage."

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Barry and District Men's Skittles League results

DIVISION 1:

Merrymen 286 (S Barnsley, A Pearce, S Jones 28), Geest 300 (L Galsworthy 31); Billy Whizz 285 (S Coombs, M Ingram 28), Bunker Boys 285 (C Jennings 29); Posties 269 (R Harding 27), KP Rejects 270 (S Dawe 29); 49ers 290 (D Whittaker 35), Blue Monkey 283 (D Cook, M Underdown 27); Cannon Balls 279 (T Price Snr 26), British Rail 275 (S Arscott 28); Sea View 333 (A Elston 36), Willie Wombles 333 (B Gratton 37).

League table: 49ers 12, Geest 8, Bunker Boys 7, Blue Monkey 6, Posties 6, British Rail 6, KP Rejects 6, Billy Whizz 5, Sea View 5, Cannon Balls 4, Willie Wombles 3, Merrymen 2.

DIVISION 2:

Barry Park B 283 (T Buckeridge 28), BP Breakaways 249 (J Gee 29); Cavaliers 277 (B Kilgour 30), Mighty Dockers 285 (P Burroughes, P Davies 30); Tynny Lads 265 (D Kerslake 29), H Bells 308 (B Webb, N Arnold, T Morgan 30); Exiles 305 (E Collins 35), Park Lads 271 (D Morgan 27); Witchill Poachers 345 (R Ashby 34), Ex Servicemen 353 (D Wickham, R Harrington 34); Colcot Boys 273 (M Elliott, S Tobin, B Sullivan 27), Hairy Lemons 257 (L Davies 26).

League table: Mighty Dockers 10, Park Lads 10, Hairy Lemons 10, Ex Servicemen 8, H Bells 8, Cavaliers 6, Barry Park B 6, Tynny Lads 4, Exiles 4, Colcot Boys 2, Witchill Poachers 2, BP Breakaways 2.

DIVISION 3:

Glenbrook Flyers 256 (N Spear 27), Castle Boys 288 (F Franklin, K Eveileigh 28); Park Rangers 255 (R Phillips, A Mason, C Cameron 26), Witchill Nomads 253 (M Burrows 28); C.U.D. 225 (R Tipple 27), Master Mariner 224 (B Jones 28); Abercrete 275 (D Arnold, M Watts 28), Alternatives 267 (P Roderick 31); Royalists 275 (C Iannucci 31), Billy Bluebirds 282 (C Prangley 30).

League table: Billy Bluebirds 10, Park Rangers 10, Witchill Nomads 7, Abercrete 6, Castle Boys 6, C.U.D. 6, Cocoa Nuts 6, Royalists 5, Alternatives 2, Master Mariner 0, Glenbrook Flyers 0.

View all results and league tables at www.barryleagues.co.uk.

JW

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More than 50 lifesaving missions funded by senior golfers

The cheque was presented to Wales Air Ambulance's Community Coordinator, Steffan Anderson-Thomas, at the Grove Golf Club recently.

SOUTH Wales Seniors Classic Golf Club have once again come up trumps and raised £8,000 for Wales Air Ambulance during a golf challenge.

The group has been raising money for the helicopter charity since 2004 and their latest effort takes the grand total raised to more than £80,000.

A cheque was presented to Wales Air Ambulance community coordinator, Steffan Anderson-Thomas, at the Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl.

The winners at this year's competition were Carmarthen A, with Pontardawe A as runners up. Haverfordwest A were also the lucky winners of the Bowl, with Pontypridd A as runners up.

Steffan Anderson Thomas said: "We are absolutely thrilled and honoured to receive another donation from the SWSC. Over the years, their support has helped us to carry out more than 50 lifesaving missions.

"We would like to thank all the clubs who have kindly given up their courses during the event, and a special thanks to all the sponsors who have donated towards the prizes".

Holton Road AFC thank sponsors

HOLTON ROAD AFC Senior league side recently held a thank you evening for their sponsors.

A spokesperson reported: "We would like to say a massive thank you to our sponsors for the next couple of seasons, Avi from the Nisa Store and Vapestation of Vere Street, Barry, for his continuous kind support of local league football and sponsorship of our kit and jackets and also Mike from The Tadross Hotel, Barry, for our match day polo shirts. "We would also like to mention Sea Breeze laundrette on Holton Road for helping the lads look fresh every Saturday.

"Finally a massive thank you to Stuart, Abi, Carl and Mike for their hard work behind the scenes, we hope to do you all proud.

"We've had a great start to the season which is always a bonus when you have a fantastic squad full of great players.

"Missing from the photo shoot are Travell Konten, Leigh Vick, Ryan Hales and Jamie Dix, who will hopefully return to action soon to help strengthen our squad."

Beavers take on the Polar Bears' gala!

ON October 13, the swimming team of Barry Beavers Swimming Club travelled to the Rhondda Polar Bears Swimming Club's gala.

Despite some team members being absent the team of 19 competed against Blaenau Gwent Otters, Rhondda Polar Bears, Gwent Dolphins and Towy Salmon swimming clubs.

There were close finishes throughout the gala and some team members were pipped from a medal but they all swam well and should be proud of themselves as part of a team who have exceeded all expectations throughout this year's competitions.

The club came in second place with four golds, five silvers and four bronzes totalling to 13 medals.

Also the league swim team finished the season well.

The medallists were as follows:

Golds - Abby Finch, girls 50m; Jen Thomson, ladies 50m; Aidan Thomson, boys 100m; junior relay team (Jamie King, Callum Savory, Ffion Jones and Abby Finch).

Silvers - Amiya Watkins, girls 25m; Nadine Dyne, ladies 25m; Kyle Sirrak, mens 50m; Ffion Jones, girls 100m; senior relay team (Philip Daly, Nicholas Cushen, Kyle Sirrak and Mark Eveleigh).

Bronzes: Keira Dyne, girls 25m; Mai Thomson, girls 50m; Callum Savory, boys 50m; Mark Eveleigh, mens 50m.

The league swim team were: Tyler Savory, Nicholas Cushen, Kyle Sirrak (standing in for Gareth Lloyd) and Mark Eveleigh.

Other members who competed were Suzanne Haslam, Holly Willis, Tom Burley and Andrew Sage, who all swam equally well on the day.

Pat Finch would like to congratulate the whole team for doing so well this year - the team are a credit to the club.

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Vale clubs' funding boost

A total of 11 organisations were recently successful in securing £15,473 of Community Chest funding to develop and extend sports opportunities in the Vale.

The Community Chest scheme is funded by Sport Wales and managed locally by the Vale Council's Healthy Living Team.

Applications are considered by a panel of community volunteers and representatives from Sport Wales and the Vale Council.

The funding can be used for areas such as coach and volunteer education, purchase of equipment, and marketing and initial facility hire for new activities.

Barry Basketball Club was awarded funding to increase club membership amongst adult females, and male and female participants aged 12-16 years-old.

The Penarth Allstars team will use the funding to launch a Netball Tots project, and to introduce walking netball sessions for those who are less mobile.

The other organisations that were successful in their funding applications included Newydd Housing Association, Dinas Powys Amateur Football Club, and Penarth Town Amateur Football Club.

Community Chest funding can also be used to develop new physical activity opportunities, such as running and cycling groups.

Organisations other than sports clubs are able to apply for funding (there are specific conditions in place that organisations need to meet to be able to apply). Most organisations will be eligible to apply as long as they can demonstrate they are developing regular new activity and can meet the criteria.

If you are part of an organisation and interested in developing opportunities, the next community chest panel meeting is on Thursday, November 22 - the deadline for completed applications is Thursday, November 8.

You can also discuss a potential project by contacting Karen Davies, principal healthy living officer on 01446 704793.

Another tale of when point-to-point came to the Vale...

THE following is an extract from GEM columnist's Brian Lee's long out of print book *The Races Came Off- The story of point-to-point racing in South and West Wales*.

In 1910 the directors of Cardiff's Ely Racecourse spent several hundred pounds on rebuilding and improving the public enclosure to hold double the amount of visitors.

For their efforts they were rewarded with a record attendance at their two-day Easter meeting with all previous records being eclipsed.

It was also a good year for point-to-pointing, with record attendances reported at the Glamorgan, Pembrokeshire and Monmouthshire fixtures.

As was now becoming the custom it was the Glamorgan Hunt fixture that opened the season. The races were held on a Thursday at Leige Castle Farm, Llancarfan, with the old Roman encampment being used as a grandstand from which racegoers saw the races from start to finish.

In the heavyweight race, Arthur Masters' *Hotspur* was made the favourite but Edgar David's *Bertha*, which he had bought in Ireland for £64, led throughout with the owner up to win easily.

Later in the day, *Bertha* came out again and won the open race, only this time it was Edgar David's son Evan who was in the saddle.

Evan also won the lightweight race on his father's *Lhassa* who had cost £47.10s, as it then was.

The following year, 1911, *Lhassa*, ridden by Evan, finished fourth in the classic Lady Dudley Cup at the Worcestershire meeting. This was a good performance as there was a record 23 runners and the three horses which finished in front of Llhassa were *Our Philip*, who was winning the race for a second time, *What Time* and *Romano*.

Fortunately, there were no serious accidents at the Glamorgan meeting. However, in other parts of the country the story was a sadder one. The Rt Hon James Tomkinson MP, aged 70, was killed competing in a parlimentary race when the horse he was riding fell at the second last fence while holding a long lead.

Another fatal accident occurred in a cavalry point-to-point when Lt Eyre of the King's Royal Rifles died a few days after a fall.

The Gelligaer held their second meeting at Blackwood again where Dr William Reidy's *Baronet*, ridden by Stan Price, won the heavyweight race.

The lightweight event went to David Jones' *Gambler* who was piloted by David Jones junior. Gus Adams on Cylene won the open race.

** Brian Lee is the author of Racing Rogues - The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales published by St David's Press and also The Welsh Grand National - From Deerstalker to Emperor's Choice published by The History Press.*

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On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

EVAN Williams' *Marble Moon* made it four wins in a row when landing the Harrison Clark Rickerbys Handicap Hurdle at Hereford on Wednesday, October 17.

Ridden by stable jockey Adam Wedge, the bottom-weighted six-year-old made all the running and got home by three parts of a length from the Richard Johnson-partnered *Some Kinda Lama*.

Champion jockey Johnson won the opening Equestrian Projects Handicap Hurdle on the 11-4 favourite *Arty Campbell*, who is trained by Bargoed's Bernard Llewellyn.

Pembrokeshire's Rebecca Curtis had a welcome winner when her *Drovers Lane*, an 11-2 chance, partnered by A P Heskin, came home nine lengths ahead of the odds-on favourite *Cresswell Legend*.

The replies keep coming in regarding the picture that was printed in the October 11 edition of The GEM.

I received this correspondence from Sir Brooke Boothby: "You may have had numerous responses to your enquiry but I have only just been shown the picture.

"The gentleman nearest the horse is Ifor Lewis, son of Mrs Posy Lewis, and the rider is my sister - then either Miss Caroline Boothby or Mrs Ifor Lewis.

"They divorced long ago and Ifor is living abroad, sadly suffering from dementia, and my sister, now Mrs Richard Parry, lives near Marlborough.

"Ifor (and she) trained at Swindon and Lambourne before splitting up."

BRIAN LEE

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club results

THE latest results from the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club from October 15 are as follows:

First, Kevin Maddox and Mike Best, 64.17 per cent; second, Emer Disley and Gareth Jenkins, 62.92 per cent; third, Linda Pinnock and Marjorie Morris, 62.08 per cent.

Congratulations to the winners of the Claret Jug Competition for 201, Emer Disley and Gareth Jenkins.

Please note that the club will be unable to play at the normal venue of the rugby club on November 5, but will instead play in Cowbridge Old Hall.

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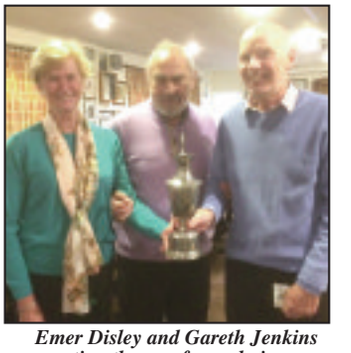

Emer Disley and Gareth Jenkins accepting the cup from chairman and director Graham Norris.

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Ath seconds' hard-fought win... as youth slip to loss

BRIDGEND Athletic second XV won their third away WRU Conference game to move second in the table behind Bargoed with a 24-10 win at Caerleon.

Due to injuries and work commitments they only had 17 players in the squad and suffered a setback in the 20th minute when back row forward Lewis Down dislocated his shoulder, but the players rallied together with good team spirit to secure the league points.

Caerleon took advantage of a slow start by the Athletic when a missed tackle saw a huge overlap created for the opening converted try.

The Athletic roused themselves from the restart and some strong carries resulted in Caerleon conceding a penalty goaled by scrum half Joe Symons. Caerleon responded in kind to open a 10-3 lead.

The Athletic were doubling up with strong carries when unfortunately the influential Lewis Down was forced off with his shoulder injury to be replaced by team manager and player-coach Liam Griffiths.

Tactical kicking to the corners saw scrum half Symons take advantage of the referee playing advantage to snipe over for an unconverted try.

The same player then kicked his second penalty to give the Athletic a narrow 11-10 half-time lead.

Scott Jones carrying a knee injury came on at wing to replace the injured Grant Edwards.

As the game progressed the Athletic backs with outside half Lloyd Pemberton pulling the strings started to take control. Luke Hollyman made his first appearance of the season after returning from travelling and showed his class and aided by co-centre Josh Seldon, wing Ryan Pickford and full back Hywel Cosby caused Caerleon to concede a penalty kicked by Symons.

Strong running by no 8 Harry Griffiths and man of the match Owain Leyshon saw Leyshon force Caerleon to hold on at a ruck for Symons to kick his fourth penalty and give the Athletic a 17-10 advantage.

Game management came into play with the Athletic kicking to corners with strong line out drives from Callum Swinford, Andrew Brown, Lewis Dando, Rhys Evans and the returning Jamie Doherty keeping the Athletic on the offensive.

Liam Griffiths was directing the line out drives which in turn was giving the backs a good platform to work off.

The backs made a break and Lloyd Pemberton taking the ball to the line gift wrapped a pass to Hollyman to go over under the posts for a try converted by Symons, for a personal match haul of 19 points, and a deserved 24-10 victory for the Athletic.

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC YOUTH 26, PENCOED YOUTH 27

IN a local derby the lead changed hands six times before, at the death, Pencoed matched the Athletic's four tries to win a great game of rugby.

From the start both sides showed a willingness to play attacking 15-man rugby.

Pencoed scored first to lead 5-0. A strong run from Athletic wing Owen Thomas saw him cross in the corner to level the scores.

The Athletic failed to capitalise when promising moves broke down through handling errors and mis directed final scoring passes.

However, with two minutes of the half remaining, centre Will Barraclough scored a great individual try converted by Levi Hallett.

Pencoed responded from the restart to level the half-time score at 12-12 with a converted try.

Pencoed took a second half lead with a penalty. The Ath's response was the team try of the game with a great handling move finished by Cameron Lewis and converted by Hallett to restore the Athletic's lead at 19-15.

The larger and more mature Pencoed pack then used their size advantage with a series of pick and goes to regain a 20-19 lead with a forward try.

Another fine team handling move was finished by Barraclough for his second match try. Hallett's conversion gave the Athletic a 26-20 advantage with nine minutes remaining.

Pencoed then applied pressure in the dying minutes and were rewarded when they breached the Athletic defence for a converted try to win by the narrowest of margins 27-26.

In a closely-fought game, the Ath backs – Josh Tidy, Levi Hallett, Joe Patterson, Will Barraclough, Cameron Lewis, Owen Thomas, Sam Veasey put some good play together.

The Athletic forwards (Chris Crupmpton, Jack Obbard, Ellis Bull, Morgan Bennett, Jac Bassett, Sion Vigus, Daniel Osarigie and man of the match Ben Owen) battled well throughout and credit to all the substitutes on the day – Brandyn Fooks, Corbyn Lee, Dewi Harding, Emyr Anthony, Isaac Watkins, Louis King – who all played their part.

Coach Paul Obbard stated: "The game could have gone either way. Even though I am disappointed for the boys not getting the win, I am very pleased and proud of the way they performed and stuck together as a squad.

"Credit must go to all players from both teams for a very hard-fought and entertaining game of rugby. Well done lads."

This was Pencoed's sixth win in seven games and moves them to second in the table.

The Athletic in sixth place have played the top four sides in their last four fixtures, winning two and losing two.

This young side now have the chance to meet lower-league opposition and an opportunity to climb the table.

The Athletic have a respite from league rugby when they travel to Nantyfyllon this Saturday, October 27 for a second round Welsh Youth Cup tie.

AB

Tri-Captain's Cup action

IN their major event of the week, 30 members St Mary's Golf Club's senior section played the first leg of their Tri-Captains Cup competition.

In this annual event played over three weeks, members are assigned to one of the following three teams: captain's, vice-captain's or the previous year's captains.

The players tee off in three balls comprising one member of each team with points awarded for the winner (four points) and second place (two points) of each hole.

Points are then summed at the end of the round and the same point scores (four and two) are awarded to the overall first and second placings of each three ball.

Remarkably, at the end of this first leg, the scores were exactly tied with each of the three teams taking 20 points from the total of 60 points on offer (six from each of the 10 three-balls).

In their second competition of the week, 19 members teed off in a team Texas Scramble on a warm, sunny day which beautifully showcased the rich autumn colours of the many trees lining the course.

The strong team of Ian Taylor, Owen Maund and Trefor Jones won the day.

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News from the Bridgend Athletic RFC mini and junior sections

BRIDGEND Athletic under-7s, with their ever-growing squad of players, travelled to Pyle RFC for a round-robin including Tondu.

With it being a perfect day for rugby it had a real festival feeling with so many children participating.

In the true spirit of minis rugby no scores were kept for any of the games, allowing the players to enjoy their rugby without any added pressure of winning or losing.

Stand-out players for the Athletic in attack and defence were Callum Brown, Charlie Tune, Osian Phillips and Zavier Gardener.

This week the under-7s host Whitchurch and Machen at Newbridge Fields.

THE under-8s had a short trip west to Pyle RFC, where a round-robin had been organised between the hosts Pyle and visiting teams from Kenfig Hill, Tonmawr and ourselves.

The round-robin format not only means that all the players have the opportunity for plenty of game time, but also showcases the Ath's ability to quickly adapt to the alternative playing styles of different teams.

Once again another fantastic turnout meant that we were able to field two teams of 10 players. With the weather conditions perfect, our boys were able to demonstrate their customary brand of exciting fast-paced rugby.

The appreciative crowd was treated to a try and tag-fest, with the Ath alone accumulating a total of 31 tries and an impressive 143 tags.

Defensively our boys put in a great shift, standing strong and failing to be intimidated by some sizeable opponents. On a number of occasions they managed to clock up six tags, forcing turnover ball and neutralising the opposition attacks.

It proved to be yet another fruitful morning as, in total, seven matches were played, winning five and drawing two.

THE under-9s played Pyle and Porthcawl and were able to field two separate teams.

First up saw the Athletic Greens play Pyle with the Ath winning 25-15, try scorers were William Waite, Osian Lord, Rhys Gardiner, Dylan Gardiner and Ewan Gill. Osian Lord was fantastic in defence putting in tackle after tackle.

The Athletic Golds beat Porthcawl 30-20 with try scorers Ashton Davies (2), Rudi Quinn (2), Dylan Jones and Mason Brown. Rudi Quinn once again stood out in defence followed by Ethan Davies, Dylan Jones, Ashton Davies, Mason Brown and Osian Kenny.

This week the under-9s host Whitchurch and Machen at Newbridge Fields.

THE under-12s welcomed Old Penarthians to Newbridge Fields for what proved to be a keenly contested match in perfect playing conditions.

The first half saw the Ath draw first blood with a well-worked try from Jack Rosser crossing in the corner after some strong running by Ioan Hammond.

Some ill-discipline from the Ath allowed Old Penarthians back into the game with a try of their own.

The Ath quickly found their rhythm again and scored their second try of the match, immediately followed at the other end of the pitch with another from Old Penarthians.

On the stroke of half-time, the Ath re-took the lead after a great kick through from Jack Thomas, allowing Jo Bruckel to touch down under the posts.

The Ath forwards upped the tempo significantly in the second half with strong running from Harrison Harper, James Waite and the outstanding Josh Ludlow punching huge holes in the Old Penarthians defence.

Three further tries followed for the Ath with one breakaway try in reply from Old Penarthians.

This was a step up in quality from the under-12s and a big confidence booster, the final score Bridgend Athletic 32, Old Penarthians 17.

THE under-13s got back to winning ways in a local derby against Bridgend Sports.

The Ath started the game at breakneck speed. With some strong carries and good hands the Ath soon ran in three quick tries (two from Rhys H and one from Dan S) with two successful conversions from Charlie R, making the half-time score 19-0

The Sports started the second half putting the Ath forwards and backs under pressure but they soon settled back into their first half routine.

There were a further four tries in the second half to Rhys Hockings, one after a lung bursting run from his own half by captain Harry G, who deserves a special mention, but with stand-out performances across the board it would be unfair to pick out individuals.

The final score of 45-5 to the Ath was testimony to the team performance, bringing an end to the Sports 13-match unbeaten run stretching back to last season.

With this result the bar has been set high as they look forward to this weekend as they face back-to-back games on Saturday (Tring School) and Sunday (Pontypool Utd).

PORTHCAWL were the visitors to Newbridge Fields to play the under-14s.

Games between these two teams are usually close and always hard fought, with home advantage being a factor. It was important that the Ath played with intensity or they would surely lose.

Within five minutes of the start the Ath were ahead thanks to a Josh Stephens try, beating several defenders en route to the line.

Captain Shea Duggan also crossed early on and suddenly the Ath were 12-0 up. It hadn't been all one way traffic though and Porthcawl weren't giving in without a fight.

Sam Barraclough blasted over to increase the score to 17-0 and then turned provider, putting Shea Duggan away for his second try to make it 22-0.

Back came Porthcawl, laying siege to the Ath line, and after many phases, a gap appeared and Porthcawl were in, the half-time score 22-5.

Porthcawl were first on the scoreboard when poor tackling out wide let them in for a 22-12 scoreline, but the Ath re-grouped and Sam Barraclough ran in his second try, which was quickly followed by his hat trick as the game was taken out of reach of Porthcawl.

Despite now having to play passive scrums the onslaught continued with a terrific long-range second try for the lively Josh Stephens who was having a big game.

The scoring was wrapped up with a third try for Shea Duggan who showed great strength throughout the game.

While the scoreline would suggest that this was one way traffic, Porthcawl certainly played their part and it was the tackling of the Ath when Porthcawl were pressing for long periods that ensured that this game would not be surrendered.

They had some excellent tacklers in front rowers Archie Brent and Matt Pugh, while in the back row Jacob Cox and Oliver Cook, gave everything for the cause.

A comprehensive win but a hard fought one, with lots to improve on if they are to achieve the level that they aspire to.

WITH fantastic playing conditions the under-15s welcomed Ystrad Rhondda down at Newbridge Fields this week.

The game consisted of three 20-minute periods and the first period saw the Ath race into an healthy lead playing a quick tempo game.

In the second period, having made a number of changes and with some playing in unfamiliar roles, the game changed momentum with Ystrad Rhondda scoring a couple of tries through the Ath's errors.

In the third period the Ath ran in some well-worked tries and it was very pleasing to see the players learning new positions on the field.

Final score Bridgend Athletic 53, Ystrad Rhondda 17.

THE under-16s hosted Mumbles at Newbridge Fields in the second game of the Ospreys Cup.

Mumbles turned up with the bare 15 players and after the first scrum, where the Ath were dominant, their prop got injured and the game immediately went to passive scrums and a 14-a-side contest.

This gave Mumbles the initial advantage and they ran in an unconverted overlap try to lead 0-5.

The Ath came back strong and took the lead with a converted try to go 7-6 up, but in a scrappy first half Mumbles fought back with some territory in the Ath's 22 and eventually a penalty came and they took the lead, 7-8.

The second half was a different story with the Ath's class and strong bench coming through to dominate, with tries coming from Michael Gillett, Ryan Neagle, Owen De Damo, Callum Reed and Tom Florence (2). Euan Rees, with his kicking boots on, converted five out of six conversions from all areas of the park.

The final score was 40-8 to the Athletic and all 21 players were outstanding; we now look forward to the next game in the cup.

AB

Bridgend Warriors enjoy great week

IT'S been a great week for Bridgend Warriors Kickboxing and Fitness Club.

Last weekend, October 4/6, fighters from the club travelled to Worcester for the WUMA (World United Martial Arts) world championship.

Representing Wales fighters competed in Tae Kwon Do and Kickboxing categories.

Dylan Williams and Timea Pruteanu fought well for the under-7 categories, making the club and their parents proud!

Kelly Shields, a novice fighter, took on black belts and world champions and succeeded in gaining a bronze medal.

Tony Lewis and Shieva also took home bronze. Two brave fighters, Lucy Jones and Chloe Collins, took on the continuous categories and both brought home silvers for their age range.

The highlight of the final day was Ryan and Anthony Peet, father and son, both managing to battle their way through their kickboxing points fights to secure gold.

Another highlight of the weekend was Master Jeff Copp, Head of WKU

(Welsh Kickboxing Union) and head instructor at Warriors Club in Bridgend being awarded 8th dan black belt from WUMA.

On Thursday, October 11 Warriors gym was host to an exciting appearance and seminar delivered by Jerry 'Fast Feet' Fontanez, one of the biggest names in professional Martial Arts Points Fighting history.

Coming all the way from the Bronx, New York Jerry provided expert advice to help students develop their points fighting skills.

Bridgend Warriors Kickboxing and Fitness Gym is now situated at the YMCA on Angel Street.

We have a strong community-based ethic and a welcome for everyone regardless of age, ability, gender or race.

You can find us on Facebook or pop in and have a chat with one of our friendly instructors who will help devise a programme to suit your needs – fitness, grading systems or competition.

HH

Ladies make it five wins out of five!

BARRY Town United Ladies went into their fifth Welsh Women's League fixture on the back of a perfect start with four straight wins before taking on newly-promoted Splott Albion at Jenner Park.

Charlotte Preen opened the scoring for Barry with a 35 yard strike.

The hosts made one change to their starting line-up following a 2-0 cup win the previous weekend with Chloe Clarke coming into the defence for Holly Vowles.

Barry started the game in confident mood and were putting the early pressure on the visitors goal with Chelsea Deacon and Sian Rees firing just wide from long range in the opening minutes.

The home side were content with maintaining possession and looking to exploit any space between the midfielder and defence units of the visitors who were dogged throughout the contest.

Barry were creating some excellent phases of play without finding the killer touch in the final third.

The breakthrough did eventually come on the half-hour mark and it was a wonderful strike from all of 35 yards from Charlotte Preen, who hit a first-time shot into the top corner to register her fourth goal of the season.

It was no more than Barry deserved and it would be the only goal during the first period.

The second half did see a similar pattern with the home side having the majority of possession although Splott did cause the Barry defence several problems.

A shot narrowly went wide in the opening stages of the second half and Barry missed a good chance to double their lead.

As the match wore on Barry made a number of changes with Daisy Evan-Watkins replacing Emma Cannot, Alicia Cox replacing Laura Saliba and Taylor Page replaced Olivia Townsend.

It was Evan-Watkins who was to make the decisive breakthrough when some good combination play found the striker, and she calmly slotted the ball home after 71 minutes to also register her fourth goal of the season.

To their credit, Splott didn't lie down and got themselves back in the game with eight minutes to go with a good left-foot finish from just inside the area to setup a grandstand finish.

Barry goalkeeper Erin Brennan had generally a quiet afternoon but she had to be on hand to make an excellent save at the feet of the on-rushing striker in the last minute of normal time and that was followed by a clearance off the Barry line by substitute Taylor Page.

At the other end, Barry missed a gilt-edged chance to put the game beyond doubt when Rees raced through on goal, but her shot went straight into the hands of the Splott goalkeeper.

The final whistle blew and Barry will be delighted to have taken another three points following a real battle, and they now turn their attentions to the South Wales FA Cup where they travel to face Newport's Villa Dino on Sunday.

After the game, manager Luke Williams commented: "We are pleased to get another win on the board and overall the performance was of a good standard.

"We made things hard for ourselves at times later on in the second half but I was really pleased the way we moved the ball today and our patience in possession to wait for the right moments to play through.

"We could have been more clinical in front of goal but also credit to Splott for coming out in the second half and causing us some problems."

LW

Great win for Sully bowlers

SULLY Indoor Bowls Club played their first home game of the season at Sully Stadium against Newport IBC, who they have struggled against over a five year long period.

Sully lost their opening game against Rhondda and although this was expected, it didn't help with four players dropping out just prior to the game.

With the Sully Stadium in the throes of exciting changes, it is hoped the Stadium team will reverse their poor results of recent years and with the return of Matthew Woodcock and current Welsh international Martin Clarke-Squires, there is plenty of optimism within the club.

On Saturday, Newport's visit was generating a buzz within in the team and there was genuine confidence of a victory.

The game began with Sully in buoyant mood and this was proved with Sully holding seven shot advantage by the fifth end.

The game was proving to be very competitive as one would expect against a strong side like Newport, but Sully were up for the fight and as they continued to the 10th end, the score remained in the home side's favour, 53-44.

The game was tense with both sides playing well but Sully continued to hold the advantage and by the end of the 15th end, had extended their lead to 19.

The rink of Bob Matthews, Paul Gunter, Tony Frowd and skip Chris Ackland were leading a strong Newport rink skipped by Tom Nicholls, 17-7, helping the Sully cause.

The final six ends were always going to be difficult as Sully were expecting a Newport fight back and this was the case as Newport narrowed the gap to six by the 18th end. Sully were proving resilient and kept their concentration to win the game by 11 shots, 111-100.

With four winning rinks, Sully gained 18 points to Newport's four. This was a superb result for Sully and with Ogwr at home this Saturday, Sully are expecting another win which should move them into the mix.

Rink results: B Matthews, P Gunter, T Frowd, C Ackland 20-12; M Jones, C Burton, J Beanland, M Clarke-Squires 21-16; R Fletcher, R Richards, R Hudson, K McLeod 19-18; A Rees, A Thomas, P Hocking, D Curtis 19-16; J Best, P Williams, F Phillips, B Griffiths 17-21; A Morgan, J Jones, S Close, M Woodcock 15-17.

FP

Island Marine celebrate their 25 year anniversary

ISLAND MARINE FC recently held an anniversary ball to celebrate 25 years as a football club in the Vale.

Richard Belby and Sian Blackmore.

The night was held at the Barry Island Sports and Social Club and attended by past and present players, managers, coaches and parents.

A lot of hard work had gone into to making it a special night and guests were not disappointed.

The club was formed following the demise of the Island Centurions and the Sea View. Players from both sides came together thanks to Alan Dicks and manager Allan Bosley to form the Island Marine.

The first year was a success as the club won the Junior Cup, thanks to a Mark Sales hat-trick, and gained promotion by finishing runners-up in the league.

For the next 15 years, the club consisted of one senior team but with the introduction of a junior team in 2007 and a mini team in 2009, the future of the club was changing.

The club continued to grow at a rapid pace and has flourished into one of the biggest clubs in south Wales.

The evening kicked off with a superb three-course meal followed by a history of the club, highlighting so many great memories of the past 25 years.

Honorary lifetime memberships were awarded to Sian Blackmore (secretary) and Richard Belby (chairman), who have worked tirelessly to develop the club, and with 12 teams (mini, junior and senior), over 40 coaches, 250 players, sponsors and volunteers, their dedication and hard work have certainly raised the profile of the club over the past few years.

The night continued with the brilliant Four Kicks, a band who have performed at GlastonBarry, close-up magician Adam Reeves, who left everyone speechless with his mind-blowing magic, and the fantastic sounds of Eddie Close's disco.

Big thanks to Kevin Moore who captured the evening with some great photos, to Lee Jones and the staff at the Barry Island Sports and Social Club, and those who transformed the room on the Friday night into a magnificent setting for a memorable occasion.

It was a fantastic evening celebrating 25 amazing years and we look forward to seeing what the next 25 will bring.

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The Barry and District Ladies Skittles League results

DIVISION 1:

Barry Stars 222 (D.James 24), Cigar Ladies 233 (A. McCarthy & E.Simmons 24); Space Finders 330 (J.Snooks 32), Bakers Dozen 331 (K. James 36); Sea View Gals 251 (S.Wride & S.Phillips 27), Allsorts 259 (H.Bunting, S.Harsand & J.Jones 26); Family & Friends 255 (R.Cummings 29), Family Affair 230 (S.Evans, C Grubb & S.Wilson 24); Cadoxton Con Fillies 252 (S.Thurston 24), Fallen Angels 223 (T. Lawrence 29); Special Angels 260 (L. Mountford & S.Waud 26), Pila Palas 224 (D.O'Sullivan, H. Palfrey & M. Stainforth 23); Coppers 280 (D. Nesbitt 34), LaBells 263 (R. Nicholson 28).

Division 2:

Challengers 270 (A. Beale, L. Hibarrd, B.Griffiths, P. Carpenter & L.Morgan 24), Bobby's Girls 249 (L. Bryan & P. Solomon 25); Airways Angels 259 (A. Sales 31), Breakaways 271 (C. Skinner 27); Clickies 224 (E. Walters 25), Red Admirals 257 (S. Walkins 25); Rhoose Starlights 251 (D. Stradling 26), Colcot Ladies 255 (J. Holland 29).

Division 3:

Liberals 260 (R.Keene 27), Dolly Mixtures 238 (P. Brigham 24); Off the Rails 272 (J.Rosser 27), Little Devils 216 (D. Harrhy 24); Witchill Widows 321 (L.Sullivan 33), Witches 316 (L. Carey 35); Westenders 243 (T. Coombes 27), Uptown Girls 264 (J. Cotter & L. Hobbs 26).

Division 4:

Hell Raisers 219 (G. Bowen 28), Optimists 197 (H. Ball 33); Twilights 212 (A. Campbell 26), Aristocats 170 (C. Chatwell 23); Odd Bods 240 (R.Perry, T. Ceriani & T. Perry 23), Bimbos 222 (C.Cockram 26); Rebels 225 (R. Sutton 26), Witchill Wanderers 222 (C. Morrissey 26).

HB

'Poor week' for Barry chess teams

IT was yet another poor week for the Barry Chess Club; two teams were in action but we lost both games.

In Division 1, the Bosons played host to the reigning champions North Cardiff Woodpushers.

Last year we suffered a whitewash against the Woodpushers. We did better this time with Matthew Davies earning a draw.

That was all we managed, but it should have been more as we missed a mate in one on board 5. Let's hope that doesn't come back to bite us at the end of the season.

The Bosons currently stand in seventh place in the league table, a point above the relegation zone.

The Pontypridd Phoenix and Cardiff Pawns both have a game in hand and they play each other next week, so we will definitely be in the relegation zone then.

However, in our first four games we have played the top two teams, so hopefully our results can improve.

In Division 3, we were also at home against another of the North Cardiff teams. The Quarks fared better against the Ravens, eventually losing by the narrowest of margins.

Our points came on the bottom three boards with a win for Scott Turner, a draw to break his duck by Sam White and a draw by Michael O'Leary.

In Michael's case, it is the first time in four outings that he has not taken a whole point.

The Quarks sit in sixth place in the table with nine points from their first four games and the four teams below them all have at least one game in hand.

However, next week there are only two matches to be played in this division featuring three of the four teams below us.

The good news is that only one team will be relegated from this division this season.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards, whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website, we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

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The Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

West End Runaways 8, Rhoose Social 7; Moors Boys 9, West End 6; Liberals 10, Cadoxton Cons 5.

League table: Rhoose Social 53, Liberals 48, Wyndham Cons 47, West End 46, Cadoxton Cons 45, West End Runaways 42, Moors Boys 34.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Rugby Club 2, Slammers 5; Rhoose Social C 7, Liberals A 0; Liberals C 2, Rhoose Social B 5; Barry Town Fc 3, Allsorts 4; Barries Boys 2, Rhoosters 5; King William XII 2, Sea View Exiles 5; West End D 6, Cambrian Flyers 1; West End C 4, Rhoose Social A 3.

League table: West End C 26.0, West End D 26.0, King William XII 25.0, Rhoose Social A 25.0, Rhoosters 24.0, Sea View Exiles 23.5; Rugby Club 23.0, Barry Town FC 20.0, Allsorts 19.5, Slammers 18.5, Rhoose Social B 17.0, Liberals A 15.5, Liberals C 15.0, Rhoose Social C 14.5, Barries Boys 9.0, Cambrian Flyers 6.5.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Cadoxton Cons Z 5, Market Street B 0; Cadoxton Wildcats 0, Harbour B 5; Penarth Cons A 3, Rhoose Social B 2; West End C 5, Cadoxton Cons B 0; Liberators 1, Wyndham Cons A 4.

League table: West End C 22, Wyndham Cons A 20, Harbour B 19, Cadoxton Cons B 18, Savoy A 17, Cadoxton Cons Z 14, Penarth Cons A 12, Rhoose Social B 12, Cadoxton Wildcats 10, Market Street B 7, *Liberators 5.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

West End B 2, Sully Sports A 3; Penarth Cons B 4, Savoy B 1; Rhoose Social C 3, West End A 2; Market Street C 2, Services Social B 3; Harbour A 3, Cadoxton Cons A 2.

League table: Cadoxton Cons A 22, Penarth Cons B 20, Services Social B 18, Harbour A 17, Rhoose Social C 17, Savoy B 17, Wyndham Cons D 16, West End A 15, Market Street C 14, Sully Sports A 12, West End B 7 (* = points deducted).

View all results and league tables at www.barryleagues.co.uk.

JW

Action at Brynhill

WITH the Brynhill Golf Club course bathed in beautiful autumnal sunshine, the members played for the John Collins Foundation Cup.

John is a legend in Welsh junior golf; indeed you'd be hard pressed to find anyone who's contributed more to junior golf, not only at Brynhill but at county and a national level too.

The competition itself was very keenly contested, needing a back nine count back to split Mike Fairhurst and Greg Mills, with both players finishing on 38 points.

Mike nicked the win and with Cardiff beating Fulham as well, it was a particularly good weekend for City-supporting Mike.

This coming weekend, the weather-delayed Marcus Watt Cup will be contested while the Ken Murphy scratch competition will also be up for grabs.

AS

15 15 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY SPORT 2.0 SD4 HSE 5dr Automatic (7-Seater), sat nav, reverse camera, 20"alloys, adaptive xenons, orange, full leather **£25995**

18 68 KIA SORENTO 2.2 CRDI GT-Line S 5dr Automatic (7-Seater), Kia warranty Sept 2025, pan roof, sat nav, reverse camera, only 527 miles, grey, full leather **£35995**

15 65 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY 4 3.0 SD V6 SE Tech 5dr Automatic (7-Seater), sat nav, 19"alloys, cruise, silver, full leather **£31995**

16 16 RANGE ROVER EVOQUE 2.0 TD4 SE Tech 5dr Automatic AWD, pan roof, sat nav, reverse camera, privacy glass, blue, full leather **£24995**

13 13 BMW 118 D Sport + 2dr Convertible, heated seats, white, full leather **£10495**

17 67 JAGUAR F-PACE 3.0 DV6 S AWD 5dr Automatic, Jaguar warranty Jan 2021, sat nav, 20"alloys, reverse camera, black, full leather **£41995**

15 15 JEEP CHEROKEE 2.0 CRDI Limited 5dr Automatic, sat nav, reverse camera, white, full leather **£17495**

16 66 BMW X3 XDrive 2.0 DM Sport 5dr Automatic, BMW warranty Sept 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, xenons, 19"alloys, grey, full leather **£22995**

15 65 VW GOLF 2.0 TSI R 3dr DSG Automatic 4WD, cruise, Bluetooth, dab, pdc, 7k, white **£22495**

12 12 BMW 118 D Exclusive Edition 2dr, heated seats, Bluetooth, grey, full leather **£7995**

16 66 BMW 335 DXDrive M Sport 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2019, M sport + pack, sat nav, 19"alloys, 16k, blue, full leather **£24995**

16 66 MERCEDES CLA45 2.0 AMG 4dr Automatic, Mercedes warranty Oct 2019, 19"alloys, cruise, 16k, black, half-leather **£31995**

16 66 RANGE ROVER VOGUE 3.0 TDV6 Vogue 4dr Automatic, Land Rover warranty Sept 2019, pan roof, sat nav, grey, full leather **£47995**

15 15 FIAT 500C 1.2 S 2dr Convertible, sat nav, 16k, yellow, half-leather **£7995**

CONVERTIBLES

15 65 ABARTH 500C 1.4 T-Jet 140 2dr Convertible, Bluetooth, electric hood, DAB, 15k, red **£10995**

15 15 AUDI A3 1.6 TDI Sport 2dr Convertible, sat nav, 17"alloys, 32k, black..... **£13995**

17 67 BMW 230i M Sport 2dr convertible automatic, BMW warranty Dec 2020, sat nav, 18"alloys, cruise, 2k, mineral white, full oyster leather **£26995**

16 16 BMW M235 3.0 I Convertible, BMW warranty March 2019, sat nav, dab, aux, usb, 10k, silver, full leather **£21495**

15 15 BMW 428i M Sport 2dr convertible automatic, 19"alloys, head-up display, reverse camera, 12k, black, full oyster leather **£23995**

12 12 BMW 118 D Exclusive Edition 2dr Convertible, heated seats, Bluetooth, grey, full leather **£7995**

13 13 BMW 118 D Sport + 2dr Convertible, heated seats, white, full leathe **£10495**

16 16 BMW 420 D M Sport 2dr convertible automatic, BMW warranty Aug 2019, M Sports Plus pack, sat nav, rev camera, 19"alloys, 15k, black, full leather **£22995**

16 16 BMW 420 D Sport Convertible automatic, BMW warranty July 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 20k, black, full red leather **£20995**

15 65 BMW Z4 2.0 28I SDrive Roadster 2dr (245bhp), 19"alloys, sat nav, heated seats, white, full leather **£18495**

16 66 BMW 640 3.0 DM Sport Convertible Automatic, BMW warranty Dec 2019, sat nav, 20"alloys, reverse assist camera, white, full leather **£32995**

16 66 DS DS3 CABRIO 1.6 BlueHDI Prestige Cabriolet 2dr, Citroen warranty Sep 2019, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, black..... **£9995**

15 15 FIAT 500C 1.2 S 2dr Convertible, sat nav, 16k, yellow, half-leather **£7995**

15 65 MINI ROADSTER 1.6 S Convertible, 17"black alloys, heated seats, 19k, silver, half-leather **£12495**

11 61 PORSCHE BOXSTER 2.9 987 PDK 2dr convertible automatic, 19"alloys, 37k, blue, full leather **£20999**

17 67 AUDI A3 2.0 T FSI Quattro Sport 5dr S-Tronic (190bhp), 19"alloys, sat nav, privacy glass, 10k, black **£21495**

15 15 AUDI Q5 2.0 TDI 190 Quattro S-Line Plus 5dr S-Tronic Automatic, pan roof, heated seats, sat nav, 18k, black, full leather **£25995**

17 67 BMW 225 XE PHEV Sport Active Tourer 5dr 4WD Automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 4k, black **£22995**

15 65 BMW 330 DXDrive M Sport 4dr Automatic (258bhp), pro nav, 19"alloys, privacy glass, 25k, red, full leather..... **£19495**

16 66 BMW 335 DXDRIVE M Sport 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2019, M sport + pack, sat nav, 19"alloys, Harman kardon, 16k, blue, full leather **£24995**

16 66 BMW 335 D XDrive M Sport 4dr Automatic 4WD, BMW warranty Sept 2019, sat nav, electric glass sunroof, 19"Alloys, reverse camera, heated seats, 18k, red **£22995**

16 66 BMW 335 DXDrive M Sport 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2019, M sport + pack, sat nav, 19"alloys, 16k, blue, full leather **£24995**

15 64 BMW 420 DXDRIVE M Sport Gran Coupe 5dr automatic, pro sat nav, 19"alloys, Harman kardon, full leather, 26k, met black **£20495**

15 65 BMW 420 DXDRIVE M Sport 2dr Automatic (190bhp), BMW warranty Jan 2019, sat nav, heated seats, blue, full leather **£19495**

16 16 BMW 420 DXDRIVE M Sport Gran Coupe 5dr automatic, 19"alloys, widescreen sat nav, 23k, met grey, full leather ... **£21995**

15 65 BMW 740 3.0 D XDrive M Sport 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty Dec 2018, sat nav, electric glass sunroof, black, full leather **£32995**

16 16 BMW X1 2.0 DXDrive M Sport 5dr, BMW warranty June 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 24k, met white..... **£20495**

17 67 BMW X1 2.0DXDrive M Sport 5dr, BMW warranty Nov 2020, sat nav, heated seats, privacy glass, 11k, silver **£22995**

16 16 BMW X3 30D M Sport XDRIVE 5dr automatic, BMW warranty April 2019, 19"alloys, sat nav, Bluetooth, 14k, grey... **£25995**

16 66 BMW X3 XDrive 2.0 DM Sport 5dr Automatic, BMW warranty Sept 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, xenons, 19"alloys, grey, full leather **£22995**

15 15 BMW X4 D XDRIVE XLine 4dr Automatic, sat nav, pdc, 26k, red, full leather **£22995**

16 16 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI Titanium 5dr 4x4, convenience pack, appearance pack, blue..... **£12995**

16 66 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 2.2 CRD Premium 5dr Automatic (7-Seater), Hyundai warranty Sept 2021, sat nav, 18"alloys, cruise, privacy glass, 14k, choice, full leather..... **£21495**

16 16 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 2.2 CRDI BlueDrive Premium SE 5dr Automatic (7-Seater), Hyundai warranty July 2021, sat nav, pan roof, heated seats, reverse camera, 19"alloys, 21k, beige with full leather..... **£21995**

17 67 JAGUAR F-PACE 3.0 DV6 S AWD 5dr Automatic, Jaguar warranty Jan 2021, sat nav, 20"alloys, reverse camera, black, full leather **£41995**

15 15 JEEP CHEROKEE 2.0 CRDI Limited 5dr Automatic, sat nav, reverse camera, white, full leather **£17495**

15 65 JEEP RENEGADE 2.0 M-Jet II Limited 5dr 4WD, sat nav, 18"alloys, privacy glass, heated seats, 27k, black, full leather **£13995**

16 16 JEEP RENEGADE 2.0 M-Jet II Longitude 5dr 4WD, Jeep warranty Sept 2019, sat nav, pan roof, 17"alloys, blue, 22k..... **£13995**

18 68 KIA SORENTO 2.2 CRDI GT-Line S 5dr Automatic (7-Seater), Kia warranty Sept 2025, pan roof, sat nav, reverse camera, only 527 miles, grey, full leather **£35995**

16 16 KIA SPORTAGE 1.6 T GDI GT-Line AWD 5dr, Kia warranty Aug 2023, sat nav, 19"alloys, full leather, choice auto or manual **£17995**

13 63 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDI KX-4 5dr AWD, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, black, full leather..... **£12495**

16 16 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRD KX-2 5dr 4WD, KIA warranty August 2023, sat nav, reverse camera, cruise, 20k, black..... **£16495**

15 65 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY 4 3.0 SD V6 SE Tech 5dr Automatic (7-Seater), sat nav, 19"alloys, cruise, silver, full leather..... ..... **£31995**

15 15 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY SPORT 2.2 SD4 HSE 5dr Automatic (7-Seater) 4x4, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, black pack, 28k, met red, full leather **£26495**

15 15 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY SPORT 2.0 SD4 HSE 5dr Automatic (7-Seater), sat nav, reverse camera, 20"alloys, adaptive xenons, orange, full leather..... **£25995**

15 65 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY SPORT 2.0 TD4 180 HSE 5dr Automatic 4x4 7-Seater, pan roof, sat nav, reverse camera, 20"alloys, black, full leather..... **£28995**

16 16 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY SPORT 2.0 TD4 180 SE Tech 5dr Automatic (7-Seater), Land Rover warranty until June 2019, sat nav, 21k, white with contrast black roof..... **£25495**

15 15 LEXUS NX300h 2.5 Luxury (Convenience Pack) E-CVT 4WD 5dr, sat nav, cruise, blue, full leather..... **£19995**

16 66 MERCEDES CLA45 2.0 AMG 4dr Automatic, Mercedes warranty Oct 2019, 19"alloys, cruise, 16k, black, half-leather .. **£31995**

15 65 MERCEDES GL350 3.0 CDI Bluetec AMG Sport 5dr Automatic 4WD, sat nav, 21"alloys, electric glass sunroof, privacy glass, white, full leather..... **£36995**

14 14 MINI PACEMAN 1.6 Cooper S ALL4 3dr (190bhp)(Chili & TLC Pack) 18"alloys, heated seats, Bluetooth, black, full leather **£9995**

14 14 NISSAN JUKE 1.6 DIG-T Nismo 5dr 4WD CVT Automatic (197bhp), sat nav, reverse camera, Bluetooth, 18"alloys, white..... ..... **£11495**

15 15 RANGE ROVER EVOQUE 2.2 SD4 Pure Tech 5dr 4WD (190bhp), sat nav, pan roof, 18"alloys, 35k, met grey, full leather **£20995**

16 16 RANGE ROVER EVOQUE 2.0 TD4 SE Tech 5dr Automatic AWD, pan roof, sat nav, reverse camera, privacy glass, blue, full leather **£24995**

16 66 RANGE ROVER EVOQUE 2.0 TD4 SE 5dr Automatic 4WD, Land Rover warranty Nov 2019, 18"alloys, privacy glass, heated seats, white, full leather **£25995**

15 64 RANGEROVER SPORT 3.0 SDV6 Autobiography Dynamic 5dr automatic, sat nav, 21"alloys, panoramic roof, 41k, met grey, full leather **£44495**

16 65 RANGEROVER SPORT SVR 5.0 V8 Autobiography Dynamic 5dr automatic, Landrover warranty March 2019, panoramic roof, xenons, 22"alloys, sat nav, 16k, black, full leather..... **£70995**

16 66 RANGE ROVER VOGUE 3.0 TDV6 Vogue 4dr Automatic, Land Rover warranty Sept 2019, pan roof, sat nav, grey, full leather **£47995**

17 17 RANGE ROVER VELAR 2.0 D HSE 5dr Automatic 4x4, Land Rover warranty July 2020, sat nav, reverse camera, head up display, rear DVD, silver, full leather..... **£51795**

15 65 VW GOLF 2.0 TSI R 3dr DSG Automatic 4WD, cruise, Bluetooth, dab, pdc, 7k, white..... **£22495**

16 16 VW GOLF 2.0 TSI BlueMotionTech R 5dr 4WD (300bhp), VW warranty June 2019, xenons, cruise, 15k, choice..... **£21995**

15 15 VOLVO XC60 2.4 D5 SE Lux 5dr Automatic 4WD, sat nav, heated seats, 28k, blue, full leather..... **£20995**

17 67 VOLVO XC90 D5 Power Pulse R Design AWD 5dr Geartronic Automatic, Volvo warranty Nov 2020, sat nav, 20"Alloys, met blue, half-leather..... **£40995**

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18 18 MERCEDES A180d AMG Line 5dr, Mercedes warranty July 2021, Night & Exclusive pack, sat nav, panoramic roof, 217 miles, white, full leather **£22995**

14 64 ABARTH 500 1.4 16V T-Jet 3dr, Bluetooth, privacy glass, AUX & USB, grey **£7495**
15 65 ABARTH 595 1.4 T-Jet 145 Yamaha Factory Racing 3dr, Bluetooth, air-con, 17"black alloys, 24k, red **£10995**
17 17 ABARTH 595 1.4 T-Jet 145 3dr, Abarth warranty April 2020, air-con, Bluetooth, DAB, USB & AUX, 6k, white **£11995**
15 15 ALFA ROMEO MITO 0.9 TB TwinAir 105 QV Line 3dr, DAB, privacy glass, 20k, black, full leather **£8495**
15 65 ALFA ROMEO GIULIETTA 1.7 TBI 240 QUADRIFOGLIO VERDE 5dr Automatic, sat nav, 18"alloys, 17k, blue, half-leather **£15995**
17 67 ALFA ROMEO GIULIA 2.2 TD SUPER 4dr automatic, Alfa warranty Dec 2020, sat nav, 18"alloys, 2k, red, full leather **£22495**
15 15 AUDI A1 1.6 TDI SE 5dr, Bluetooth, air-con, dab, 32k, white **£9995**
15 65 AUDI A1 1.6 TDI S-Line 3dr S-Tronic, electric sunroof, Bluetooth, privacy glass, light & rain sensors, grey, half-leather **£14795**
14 14 AUDI A3 2.0 TDI S-Line 4dr S-Tronic Automatic, sat nav, heated seats, comfort pack, cruise, 19k, red, half-leather **£17495**
15 65 AUDI A4 2.0 TDI S-Line Black Edition 4dr Nav, sat nav, 19"alloys, 23k, white, half-leather **£18495**
15 15 AUDI A6 2.0 TDI Ultra Black Edition 4dr, 20"alloys, sat nav, BOSE, 34k, silver, full leather **£19995**
17 17 AUDI A6 AVANT 2.0 TDI Ultra S-Line Estate S-Tronic Automatic, Audi warranty July 2020, pan roof, BOSE sound, sat nav, silver, full leather **£23995**
16 16 BMW 118 I M Sport 5dr, BMW warranty July 2019, sat nav, comfort pack, privacy glass, cruise, 16k, estoril blue **£14995**
16 16 BMW 220I M Sport Gran Tourer 5dr (7-Seater), BMW warranty May 2019, sat nav, 18"alloys, 31k, white **£16495**
15 65 BMW 320 D ED Plus 4dr, pro sat nav, Bluetooth, 19"alloys, black, full leather **£12995**
17 67 BMW 330 2.0 E SE 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty Sept 2020, sat av, 18"M sport alloys, 11k, privacy glass, white **£20995**
16 66 BMW 420 I Luxury Gran Coupe 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, heated seats, white, full leather **£21995**
15 65 BMW 420 2.0 DM Sport Gran Coupe 4dr Automatic, 19"alloys, sat nav, heated seats, 12k, black, full leather **£20995**
15 65 BMW 520 D M Sport 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, privacy glass, xenons, 31k, black, full leather **£17995**
18 18 BMW 530 3.0 DM Sport 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty May 2021, 19"alloys, sat nav, privacy glass, 4k, grey, full leather **£36995**
15 15 BMW M5 4.4 4dr DCT Automatic, sat nav, reverse camera, Harman Kardon, 20"alloys, 18k, grey, full leather **£34995**
16 65 BMW 640 D M Sport Gran Coupe 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty March 2019, sat nav, 19"Alloys, black, full leather **£24995**
14 14 CITROEN DS3 1.6 E-HDI 115 Airdream DSport 3dr, air-con, aux, cruise, 30k, white **£6995**
13 63 CITROEN DS4 2.0 HDI DSport 5dr Automatic, sat nav, 19"alloys, privacy glass, Bluetooth, heated seats, 36k, blue, full leather **£7995**
15 15 DS DS4 1.6 BlueHDI DStyle Nav 5dr, sat nav, cruise, pdc, aux, white **£7995**
16 16 DS DS4 1.6 BlueHDI Crossback 5dr, Citroen warranty April 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, 18"alloys, 19k, orange, half leather **£10995**
15 65 FIAT 500 0.9 TwinAir Vintage 57 3dr, Bluetooth, blue, full leather **£6495**
14 64 FIAT 500 1.2 Lounge 3dr, pan roof, air-con, white **£5495**
15 15 FIAT 500 1.2 S 3dr, privacy glass, white, half-leather **£5795**
15 65 FIAT 500 1.2 Lounge 3dr, pan roof, Bluetooth, PDC, choice **£6295**
14 64 FIAT 500L 1.6 D MultiJet Pop Star 5dr, reverse camera, air-con, red **£7995**
15 65 FIAT 500X 1.6 MultiJet Cross 5dr, 17"alloys, Bluetooth, privacy glass, red **£9495**
16 66 FIAT PANDA 1.2 Pop 5dr, PAS, electric windows, CD player, 3k, white **£5995**
14 14 FIAT PUNTO 1.4 Jet Black II 3dr, privacy glass, 17"alloys, cruise, black, 18k **£5195**
16 66 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ECOBoost 140 ST-Line Navigation 5dr, Ford warranty July 2020, 17"alloys, sat nav, 12k, choice **£10795**
18 67 FORD FIESTA 1.0 EcoBoost ST-Line 3dr (New Model), Ford warranty February 2021, sat nav, 17"Alloys, Bluetooth, 8k, choice **£12995**
12 62 FORD FIESTA 1.6 Zetec S 3dr, street pack, Bluetooth, 15k, white, full leather **£7495**
17 17 FORD FOCUS 1.0 T EcoBoost Titanium 5dr, Ford warranty April 2020, sat nav, Bluetooth, grey **£12795**
16 16 FORD FOCUS 1.5 ecoBOOST Titanium 5dr (150bhp), Ford warranty April 2019, sat nav, cruise, reverse camera, 11k, blue **£11995**
16 66 FORD FIESTA 1.5 TDCI Titanium 5dr, Ford warranty Sept 2019, Bluetooth, cruise, dab, aux & usb, white **£8495**
15 15 FORD FOCUS 1.6 TDCI Zetec 5dr, sat nav, Bluetooth, air-con, grey **£7295**
15 15 FORD FOCUS 2.0 TDCI 185 ST-2 Estate, sat nav, reverse camera, Bluetooth, pdc, silver, half-leather **£13495**
16 65 FORD FOCUS 2.0 TDCI ST-2 5dr, Ford warranty March 2019, sat nav, 18"alloys, 15k, red, half-leather **£14995**
13 13 FORD KA 1.2 Edge 3dr, air-con, pas, electric windows, red **£3795**
16 65 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI Titanium Sport 5dr, 19"alloys, rear pdc, cruise, white, half-leather **£11795**
15 15 FORD MONDEO 2.0 TDCI Titanium 5dr XPACK, sat nav, cruise, grey, full leather **£12995**
15 15 FORD MONDEO 2.0 TDCI Titanium 5dr, sat nav, cruise, dab, aux, black **£11495**
15 65 HONDA CIVIC 1.6 I-DTEC Sport 5dr, sat nav, reverse camera, cruise, dab, blue **£10495**
18 67 HONDA HR-V 1.6 I-DTEC EX 5dr, Honda warranty Feb 2021, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, heated seats, grey, 3k, full leather **£19995**
16 16 HONDA JAZZ 1.3 I-VTEC EX 5dr, Honda warranty June 2019, Bluetooth, reverse camera, dab, pdc, 9k, orange **£11995**
11 61 JAGUAR XKR 5.0 Supercharged V8 R 2dr Automatic, 20"alloys, sat nav, 54k, black, full leather **£25995**
16 65 JAGUAR XE 2.0 D 180 R-Sport 4dr, Jaguar warranty March 2019, sat nav, cruise, heated seats, dab, privacy glass, 19k, silver, full leather **£18495**
17 66 JAGUAR XF 2.0 D (180) R-Sport 4dr Automatic, Jaguar warranty Feb 2020, sat nav, 18"alloys, heated seats, choice, full leather **£20495**
16 66 JEEP RENEGADE 1.4 Multiair Longitutde 5dr, Jeep warranty Sept 2019, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 14k, black **£11995**
15 15 KIA CEED 1.6 CRDI 3 Estate, Kia warranty August 2022, sat nav, reverse camera, white **£8995**
16 66 KIA CEED 1.6 CRD ISG 1 5dr, Kia warranty Oct 2023, cruise, Bluetooth, dab, usb & aux, silver, 11k **£9995**
17 66 KIA OPTIMA 1.7 CRDI ISG GT-Line S Estate Automatic, Kia warranty Feb 2024, pan roof, sat nav, reversing camera, heated seats, 15k, met red, full leather **£18495**
15 64 KIA PRO CEED 1.6 GDI SE 3dr Automatic, Kia warranty Oct 2022, sat nav, reverse camera, privacy glass, 21k, white **£10495**
16 66 KIA SPORTAGE 1.6 GDI 1 5dr (New Model), KIA warranty Sept 2023, Bluetooth, cruise, air-con, white **£13495**
16 16 LEXUS IS 300h F Sport 4dr CVT Automatic, sat nav, reverse camera, 18"alloys, black, full leather **£17995**
16 16 MAZDA 2 1.5 Sport Nav 5dr, Mazda warranty June 2019, sat nav, cruise, privacy glass, 28k, red **£9495**
15 15 MAZDA 3 2.2 D Sport Nav 5dr, heated seats, sat nav, 18"alloys, black, full leather **£9795**
14 14 MAZDA 6 2.2 D SE-L Estate, sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, pdc, blue **£9995**
15 65 MAZDA 6 2.2 D Sport Estate Automatic, sat nav, reverse camera, 19"alloys, heaterd seats, BOSE, red, full leather **£11995**
15 65 MAZDA 6 2.2 TD SE-L NAV 4dr, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 25k, white **£11495**
15 15 MERCEDES A200 2.2 D AMG Line 5dr Automatic, pan roof, sat nav, Bluetooth, 18"alloys, 4k, half-leather **£17495**
16 66 MERCEDES CLA200 D Sport 4dr, Mercedes warranty Nov 2019, 18"alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, 18k, red, half-leather **£17995**
16 16 MERCEDES E220 D AMG Line 4dr 9G-Tronic (New Model), sat nav, cruise, heated seats, choice, half-leather **£21495**
12 62 MERCEDES S350 CDI BlueTec 4dr Automatic, electric glass sunroof, 20"alloys, sat nav, heated seats, reverse camera, silver, full leather **£15995**
16 66 MG 3 1.5 VTI Tech 3 Style 5dr Start/Stop, MG warranty Oct 2019, cruise, Bluetooth, 20k, black **£6495**
15 64 MINI COOPER 1.5 D 5dr, chilli pack, 16"black alloys, 26k, volcanic orange **£9995**
16 16 MINI COOPER 2.0 John Cooper Works 3dr, Mini warranty July 2019, sat nav, 18"alloys, privacy glass, chilli pack, 9k, silver, half-leather **£18795**
16 66 MINI COOPER 2.0 D S 5dr, Mini warranty Oct 2019, privacy glass, Bluetooth, dab 16"alloys in black, 6k, white **£14295**
17 17 MINI COOPER 2.0 SD 5dr Automatic, media pack (sat nav), chilli pack, 10k, thunder grey **£15995**
17 17 MINI CLUBMAN 1.5 COOPER 5dr, MINI warranty May 2020, sat nav, Bluetooth, 8k, white **£14995**
15 65 NISSAN JUKE 1.2 DIG-T Acenta Premium 5dr, sat nav, reverse camera, 22k, white **£9995**
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16 16 PEUGEOT 108 1.0 Active 3dr, air-con, Bluetooth, cruise, dab, aux, 28k, blue **£5495**
16 16 PEUGEOT 208 1.6 BlueHDI GT Line 3dr, Peugeot warranty August 2019, Bluetooth, cruise, 12k,grey, half-leather **£9995**
14 14 PEUGEOT 2008 1.6 E-HDI Allure 5dr Automatic, cruise, dab, pdc, 15k, white **£8995**
15 65 RENAULT CAPTUR 0.9 TCE Energy Dynamique Nav 5dr, Renault warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, 17"alloys, blue **£8495**
17 67 RENAULT CAPTUR 0.9 TCE Energy Expression + 5dr, Renault warranty Nov 2021, Bluetooth, cruise, 6k, black **£11295**
14 64 RENAULT CAPTUR 1.5 DCI Dynamique S Medianav Energy 5dr, sat nav, reverse camera, 23k, orange **£9495**
15 15 RENAULT CAPTUR 1.5 DCI Energy Dynamique 5dr, Renault warranty Sept 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, 37k, blac **£9495**
17 67 RENAULT CLIO 1.2 16V Dynamique Nav 5dr, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 12k, white **£9795**
17 67 SEAT ATECA 1.6 TDI Ecomotive Technology SE 5dr, Seat warranty Sept 2020, sat nav, 18"alloys, choice **£16995**
17 67 SEAT LEON 1.6 TDI SE Dynamic Technology Estate, Seat warranty Sep 2020, sat nav, 17"alloys, PDC, 7k, grey **£12995**
17 17 SEAT LEON 1.6 TDI SE Dynamic Technology 5dr, Seat warranty April 2020, sat nav, Bluetooth, 26k, blue **£11795**
14 14 SKODA CITIGO 1.0 MPI SE 5dr, air-con, electric windows, aux, white **£3995**
16 16 SUZUKI VITARA 1.6 DDIS SZ5, Suzuki warranty Feb 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, pan roof, turquoise **£12495**
17 17 VAUXHALL ADAM 1.2 Slam 3dr, Vauxhall warranty April 2020, cruise, 17"alloys, privacy glass, 5k, red **£8995**
13 63 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 Exclusive 5dr, air-con, electric windows, 38k, grey **£4795**
17 17 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4 Energy Ecoflex 5dr, Vauxhall warranty April 2020, Bluetooth, cruise, 13k, grey **£8495**
15 65 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.6 T VXR 3dr, Vauxhall warranty Dec 2018, cruise, Bluetooth, dab, aux, 16k, blue **£10995**
14 14 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTI 163 EcoFlex SRI NAV 4dr, sat nav, cruise, 29k, white **£8995**
16 16 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 1.6 CDTI ecoFLEX Design 5dr, Bluetooth, cruise, 28k, silver **£9495**
17 66 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTI (170) EcoFlex SRI NAV Estate, Vauxhall warranty Jan 2020, sat nav, 17"alloys, blue **£11795**
16 66 VW GOLF 1.0 TSI Match Bluemotion Edition 5dr DSG, VW warranty Sept 2019, sat nav, heated seats, Bluetooth, cruise, 10k, silver **£14495**
14 64 VW GOLF 1.6 TDI BlueMotion Tech SE 5dr, Bluetooth, cruise, pdc front & rear, 17k, white **£11295**
13 63 VW GOLF 2.0 TDI GTD 5dr, sat nav, Bluetooth, pdc front & rear, 42k, red, full leather **£12995**
15 15 VW GOLF 2.0 TDI BlueMotion Tech GT 5dr, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, dab, pdc, grey **£10995**
16 16 VW GOLF 2.0 TDI GT 5dr, sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, 23k, red **£13795**
16 16 VW GOLF 2.0 TDI GTD 5dr, VW warranty June 2019, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, heated seats, black **£15995**
16 66 VW POLO 1.4 Blue GT 3dr, VW warranty Dec 2019, electric glass sunroof, Bluetooth, cruise, choice **£12495**
15 15 VW PASSAT 2.0 TDI BlueMotionTech GT 4dr, sat nav, Bluetooth, heated seats, privacy glass, black **£13495**
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16 66 VW SCIROCCO 2.0 TSI 180 Bluemotion Tech GT 3dr, VW warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, 18"Alloys, PDC front & rear, 6k, grey, half-leather **£16495**
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15 64 VOLVO V40 1.6 D2 R-Design 5dr, cruise, heated seats, dab, Bluetooth, 26k, white **£11795**
16 16 VOLVO V40 2.0 D2 SE 5dr, Volvo warranty April 2019, sat nav, pan roof, cruise, Bluetooth, white **£11995**

16 66 MERCEDES C250 D Sport 2dr Automatic, sat nav, reverse camera, heated seats, 16k, silver, full leather **£22995**

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16 16 MERCEDES A200 D AMG Line 5dr, reverse camera, cruise, Bluetooth, 24k, blue, half-leather **£16795**

16 66 FORD FIESTA 1.0 EcoBoost 125 ST-Line 5dr, sat nav, Bluetooth, 17"alloys, 20k, black **£10795**

15 65 HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.7 CRD BlueDrive Premium 5dr, sat nav, heated seats, reverse camera, 21k, white, full leather **£15995**

13 63 MINI COUPE 1.6 Cooper 2dr, media pack, bi-xenons, 17"alloys, chilli pack, 31k, red **£7995**

16 66 BMW 330 DM Sport GT 5dr Automatic, M sport plus pack, sat nav, 19"alloys, black, full leather **£18995**

16 66 DS DS3 1.6 BlueHDI Prestige 3dr, sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, dab, black **£8795**

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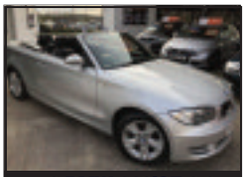

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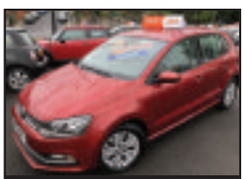

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Motoring column with Tony Yates
Five stars for SEAT's new compact SUV

SEAT Arona SE Technology Lux 1.6 TDI 115PS six-speed manual

THIS month's road test puts me into a car that many of you probably don't even realise exists.

This is a car that sits very quietly in the shadows of many other cars on the road, and I doubt that some of you have ever seen it on the road yet.

Well, the reason for this is that while most of you will go with what's currently in fashion, and what's hip, there are some of you out there like me that need a car to do exactly what it says on the tin – and the new Seat Arona is exactly that sort of car – so get your head down and read on.

Power and Efficiency: The Arona I currently have on test is powered by a 115PS, 1.6 TDI four-cylinder diesel engine with a six-speed manual gearbox and a respectable top speed of around 115mph, plus a 0-62 time of 10.3 seconds. Fuel consumption is also very good with a combined figure of 65.7 mpg.

On the road: I like the way the Arona handles – it feels very well balanced. Also, when the road gets twisty, it's more than capable of holding its own.

The steering also feels light and agile – and when you hook all this up to its fantastic six-speed gearbox, you really can't go wrong, and it's no exaggeration for me to say that I think the Arona is the better car here when you compare it to some of its rivals.

Interior and Technology: As with all Seats, the interior is of a good standard but, as I have said many times, Seat is a part of VW group, so it will last for years. The seating is actually rather good, even after a long journey, and the dials and switches are laid out very well and are very clear and precise.

Some of the standard equipment across the range includes; bi-colour roof, halogen front headlights, front fog lights with cornering, function, LED daytime running lights (DRLs), LED taillights, rear

fog lights, black roof rails, body-coloured door handles, electrically adjustable door mirrors, FM/AM radio, DAB (digital audio broadcasting) six speakers, Bluetooth, colour: 6.5" colour touchscreen/USB port/aux-in, dimming interior rear view mirror, interior ambient lighting, interior chrome pack, air conditioning, electric front and rear windows, cruise control, auto-headlights, comfort suspension, driver and front passenger airbags, front side and curtain airbags, active front head restraints, anti-lock brake system (ABS), Electronic Stability Control (ESC) with Emergency Brake Assist (EBA) and hill hold control.

Plus it doesn't stop there either, as this is the SE Technology Lux version, you also get additional features such as; Beats Audio: 300w subwoofer, 18" space-saving spare wheel, luggage compartment lining, heated front seats, heated washer nozzles, adaptive cruise control and KESSY (KEyleSS EntrY and Go).

To sum up: I'm going to give the Arona five stars in this test (which is rare for me), not only because I like it a lot, but because I believe it's worth every penny.

Next time you are out looking for a new compact SUV, try looking that little bit harder because the Arona is a brilliant buy.

Price: £20,455 (from).

Phoenix learn a harsh lesson

ABOVE LEFT: Zoe Reeves proves too much for a Whitland tackler, while ABOVE RIGHT: Amie Stevens scores. ALL PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK.

PENCOED Phoenix returned to the top flight of Welsh women's rugby after a number of years and were left in no doubts as to the demands of what is required at this level.

Visitors Whitland included a host of Scarlets regional players along with current Welsh international, Sioned Harries.

The essential difference between the teams in this match was the incisiveness, accuracy and pace of the Pembrokeshire side's threequarter line. The age-old maxim that there is no substitute for pace was apparent for all to see in this game.

Tries flowed from the visitors from as early as the eighth minute and despite the best efforts of Phoenix in attack, the counter-attacking game of the Whitland side was lethal.

Almost every home offensive that broke down was capitalised upon with devastating effect, swift transference of the ball through their threes to their wide players, who finished off with impressive pace.

At half-time, Phoenix found themselves 8-40 down and the whistle brought with it the harsh reality of Premiership rugby.

To their credit, Phoenix showed their character in adversity during the second half and indeed enjoyed long periods in attack through their forward effort, Amy Morgan and Emily Hughes particularly prominent during this period.

The Phoenix scrummage came to the fore as the half progressed and the introduction of prop forward Lucy Cahill coincided with a home dominance at the set piece, resulting in a penalty try, match official Matthew Davies having no hesitation in awarding a seven pointer.

Almost inevitably, however, the visitors were to have the last say through their counter-attacking game to close this entertaining match out.

For Whitland Harries and Katie Thicker led the try scorers with Marged Williams, Brittony Price, Emma Simmons and Amy Morgan all crossing the whitewash, Harries adding a number of conversions for good measure.

Phoenix got tries through skipper Amy Stevens, Laura Workman, and the penalty try, with outside half Leanne Burnell adding a penalty and conversion.

Harries and Burnell were chosen as players of the match by their respective opposing teams.

After one league match back in the top flight, it is difficult to assess the road ahead;, however, early indications are that with the pool of forwards at their disposal Phoenix will more than hold their own up front.

A further positive is Phoenix continue to attract players and new acquisition Sam Galey of the Dragons will no doubt strengthen the squad, while the return of Rhiannydd Morgan is a considerable boost.

Based on the evidence of this match, a priority on the training ground is to devise a defensive structure which will nullify in particular the pace out wide of the Premiership sides, no easy task of course and reliant on everyone's input. **TR**

Good win for Tondu under-15s

TONDU RFC under-15s had a good win against Gilfach Goch winning 50-5.

A special mention to the four new boys who all played well – Oliver Amos, Ebun Davies, Billy Wells and Tom Sage.

MIKE SULLY

Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

THE esteemed Barry Cup took centre stage this past weekend with goals and upsets galore.

Cup holders St Athan crashed out as Division One Cogan Coronation upset the Premier Division side by coming back from 2-0 down to win 3-2.

High-flying Premier Division Rhoose avoided a potential banana skin by inflicting a first loss of the season on runaway Division One leaders Holton Road.

It was an incredible come back by Cadoxton Barry as they fought back from 4-1 down against Premier Division Island Marine to win 6-4.

Division One Cardiff Airport dumped out Premier Division Barry Saints 5-2 as the upsets continued.

Penarth Town stuck to the form book and advanced to the quarter-finals with a 4-2 win over Sully Sports in an all Premier Division tie.

Premier Division Cowbridge Town avoided an upset against a good Tynewydd side, winning 5-2.

Cadoxton Imps saw off Vale Madrid also 5-2, while Cadoxton Athletic are the only Division Two side left in the cup as they dispatched Barry Vikings 2-0.

The draw for the quarter-finals will take place on Saturday when it's back to the league after a couple of weeks off, with the match of the day being Penarth Town hosting league leaders Barry Athletic.

HD

Evan wins Welsh Champion Hurdle

THE Dunraven Group Welsh Champion Hurdle at Ffos Las last Saturday (October 20) went to the grey *Silver Streak*, trained at Llancarfan by Evan Williams.

Five-year-old *Silver Streak*, the youngest horse in the race, was running for the first time since winning the Swinton Hurdle at Haydock last May.

Held up early by stable jockey Adam Wedge, who allowed last year's winner *The New One* to cut out the pace, *Silver Streak* took the lead around halfway and went on to jump the last hurdle in front to score by three lengths from the Paul Nicholls-trained *Le Prezien*.

Williams told the press: "I'm absolutely delighted. It is a surprise in as much as they are very good horses we were taking. Yes, our horse is young and progressive – but you never underestimate the quality of the opposition there."

"I've mapped nothing out. It was lovely to come here and win a Welsh Champion Hurdle. For a man like myself based in Wales, it's tremendous, and that is what it was all about. It was great to take part. To win means a lot to us.

"At the end of the day, he's won a Swinton Hurdle and a Welsh Champion Hurdle. We'll enjoy what we've done and see where we end up."

Silver Streak went off the 3-1 joint-favourite.

In the following handicap chase, *Silver Streak's* rider Adam Wedge almost made it a double.

Riding Dai Rees's *Gone Platinum*, he was was beaten the minimum official distance – a nose – by Peter Bowen's *Dr Robin* partnered by Bowen's son, Sean.

Earlier in the afternoon, Rees' *Atlantic Storm* had been a winner at Stratford.

WINS FOR VALE TRAINERS

***LooksNowtLikeBrian*, ridden by champion jockey Richard Johnson, landed the handicap chase over three and a half miles at far-flung Carlisle last Thursday for Aberthin's Tim Vaughan, who was saddling his fifth winner from his last nine runners.**

Despite making a mistake at the last fence, the 12-1 chance got home by a length from the 3-1 favourite *Sky Pirate*.

LooksNowtLikeBrian, a winner of a novice handicap at Ffos Las in December, is not the best of jumpers but goes well when there is plenty of give in the ground.

At Wincanton on Friday, Llancarfan's Evan Williams saw his six-year-old *Dark Invader* take the Smarkets Novices' Handicap Chase over two miles.

Ridden by stable jockey Adam Wedge, *Dark Invader* beat the bottom-weighted *WiseCracker* by one-and-a-quarter lengths and was returned at odds of 11-4 in a field of six runners.

BRIAN LEE

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which will enable us to buy the equipment needed for the club. There will be live music, a raffle, SUP quiz and nibbles.

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Frustration for Athletic as Porth Quins grab controversial late try

Centre Tom Jenkins fends off a Porth defender.

Tom James sneaks through to score. ALL PICTURES BY JOHN CANON.

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC RFC are slowly learning about life in Division One East Central, having been moved there by the WRU this season.

Tactics and decisions from the opposition continue to leave the Ath frustrated, and following a narrow 23-20 win against Mountain Ash, a late, highly-controversial try saw Porth Harlequins win at home by 20-18.

The Athletic had opportunities to win this game but again allowed themselves to be dragged into a tight contest when on the occasions they played fluent rugby, they looked at their most dangerous.

The Athletic opened brightly. A well-directed grubber kick by outside half Josh Davies and pressure from wing Tom James gave them good field position inside the home 22.

A series of five-metre lineouts were halted as Porth soughtto prevent the Ath gaining momentum.

From a resultant ruck scrum half Dan James throw a fast-flat pass taken at speed by wing Tom James to crash over in the corner to give the Athletic a 5-0 lead.

Porth struck back within two minutes when full back Josh Waughington kicked a penalty for a high tackle.

Lock Ben Cording, having a good game in lineout and loose, went close with a strong surge into the Porth 22, but the Athletic failed to see mismatches out wide and a promising break failed to produce a score.

In the final minute of the half Porth went blind from a scrum on the Athletic 22 and strong-running wing Daniel Hitchens crossed in the corner to give Porth an 8-5 half-time lead.

Buoyed by this score the home side, who had scored 50 points the previous week, put the Athletic under pressure from the restart and within five minutes, from a five-metre lineout, lock Adan Eggar forced his way over. Waughington converted to stretch the lead to 15-5.

This woke up the Athletic and within two minutes pressure led to a 38-metre penalty, goaled by Robin Davies.

The Athletic, with their tails up, went straight back on the attack. No 8 Ben Davies picked up from the base of a scrum and delightful interpassing from Davies to Dan James to full back Caine Woolerton back to Davies saw James receive the final pass to race over in the corner.

Robin Davies' touchline conversion levelled the scores at 15-15.

Two minutes later another good close handling move saw James chip over the full back and win the foot race but the ball just crossed the dead ball line as he touched down.

The Athletic scrum, with all five front row forwards used – Wayne Fooks, Nathan Holman, Matthew Muir, Lee Murphy and Matthew Norman, in his 100th senior Ath appearance – held the upper hand throughout in the set scrums against a heavier home eight.

Porth kicked long into the Athletic 22 where covering Athletic flanker and captain Ben Howe picked up close to his try line.

He ran across field before suddenly straightening and running completely though the home defence. When confronted by the last line of defence he chipped ahead to be cynically tripped resulting in a Porth yellow card and an Athletic penalty.

Robin Davies kicked the penalty to put the Athletic 18-15 ahead. Full back Woolerton made a great break and with wing Robin Davies free outside was prevented from giving the scoring pass by a last-ditch tackle by the home side wing.

The desperate home side were trying to run out of defence but found no joy with excellent midfield defence from centres Chris Price and Tom Jenkins and replacement hooker Lee Murphy in particular.

The Athletic's tackling throughout was first rate going low to halt moves in their tracks. A series of penalties awarded against the Athletic saw Porth gain a late foot hold in the Athletic 22.

They went blind along the touchline and appeared to be in touch before and during the grounding of the ball by flanker and captain Jack Rees.

Despite first calling a touch, the referee changed his mind and went with the home touch judge in awarding a highly-controversial try to put Porth in the lead.

The Athletic launched a final attack and were again aggrieved when a home side player flopped over a ruck, preventing Athletic scrum half Dan James picking up. This was further compounded when the referee gave a penalty against the Athletic for holding on.

A frustrated Athletic team manager Paul Hearne summed up his and the Athletic coaches' frustration: "We lost mainly due to us not recognising mis-matches and failing to spread the ball wide.

"We did eventually play well in coming back from 15-5 down to take an 18-15 lead and looked set to win.

"The coaches were extremely disappointed with some of the decision-making from the referee."

The Athletic now need to regroup for their visit to Division One East side Dowlais this Saturday for a second round National Plate Cup tie.

Giving the ball air and support play reminiscent of last season in Division One West Central seems the way the Athletic perform best against the more heavily forward-orientated East Division leagues.

AB

Great win for Pencoed

The history-making Clarke brothers! PICTURE BY JULIE HANCOCK.

PENCOED RFC inflicted a defeat on Porthcawl on Saturday, their first since December 2017, winning 26-12.

Scorers for Pencoed were Tom Cross and Rhys Bargery (a try apiece), Rhys Clarke (two penalties and two conversions) and a drop goal by Tom Cross, while scorers for Porthcawl were Jordan Skidmore and Nathan Silverthorne (a try apiece) and a Josh White conversion.

Man of match for Pencoed, voted by supporters, was Rhys Clarke, while the coaches' man of match was Rhys Bargery.

History again was made by three brothers playing for Pencoed first XV, another proud moment for the club as all three players – Rhys Clarke, Sion Clarke and Owain Clarke – have been through the Pencoed system of excellence from five years of age onto senior level.

The next game for Pencoed is a trip to St Claires on Saturday, October 27 in the cup.

JH

Tondu show plenty of heart – but suffer loss

TONDU RFC went down to another defeat last weekend, this time against Brynamman, but on this occasion the 27-15 scoreline did not really reflect the balance of the game.

There were tries for Gareth Lindenburn (above) and Josh Tatchell (below). ALL PICTURES BY GARETH ANTHONY.

The opening try went to the home side when centre Tomos Powell split the Tondu defence to run in under the posts, the conversion added by left wing Rhys Williams.

The visitors then went on the offensive and were rewarded with a penalty for Josh Tatchell to convert, but despite some good work from Tondu it was the home side that added to their score when full back Arthur Lennon scored with a breakaway try.

Williams again added the extra points to make it 14-3. Further pressure from Tondu was rewarded with a poachers' try for scrum half Gareth Lindenburn after a mix up at a defensive lineout, and Tatchell added the conversion.

Two Rhys Williams penalties, one each side of the break, put Brynamman clear once again, before Williams himself finished off a wonderful move to go over in the corner, the same player adding a difficult conversion.

The final quarter, though, belonged to the visitors as they pounded away at the Brynamman line, and when Tatchell went over with 15 minutes left, a remarkable comeback certainly looked a possibility.

But the game ended without any further score despite an encouraging final quarter from the Waterwheelers, who are finally showing signs they are turning things around.

Tondu are inactive again this weekend, their next outing at home to Waunarlwydd on November 9 or November 10, date to be confirmed due to the autumn internationals.

MIKE SULLY

Celtic heavily beaten by title contenders

MAESTEG Celtic visited title contenders Ystalyfera for their third away game in league Division One West Central.

Maesteg Celtic's man of the match Cameron Jones is held.

They came up against a formidable outfit determined to pursue their ambitions at all costs.

Their heavy front five used their experience to disrupt the Celtic scrums and slow down the Celtic ball in the rucks.

Their three quarters handled well and showed great pace. Their full back in particular entered the attacking line at pace and caused persistent damage.

All in all they ran in 10 tries, nine of which were converted by their fullback, for a final score of 68-15.

Celtic scored three tries and tried hard to get a fourth bonus point touch down, but were thwarted by the final whistle. Celtic's first try came early in the second half when scrum half Cameron Jones caught a kick ahead deep in his 22 and outpaced the chasers to take the ball 50 metres before linking with left wing Liam Healy.

When he was held the ball was switched across field where the forwards were in support.

Captain Oliver Petty received the ball from the ruck and ran up the blindside before putting fullback Matthew Harris clear to run in the try.

Celtic's second try was also a long distance affair. The home team kicked to touch deep in the Celtic half and were caught by surprise when wing Liam Healy took a quick throw in and sprinted up the touchline unopposed.

When the cover defence finally reacted he passed inside to centre Lee Arthur who powered over for the touchdown.

Celtic scored again late in the game when they threw caution to the wind and their three quarters moved the ball quickly.

Second row Alex Jones burst through the home defence and slipped the ball to Liam Healey who took it on before passing inside to centre Morgan Harris to sprint for the line and score.

Celtic man of the match was Cameron Jones.

KS